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Calcutta.	Bangkok.	Foochow.
Rangoon.	Kwala Lumpor.	Manilla.
Colombo.	Batavia.	Yokohama.
Penang.	Sourabaya.	Kobe.
Thaiping.	Hongkong.	Tientsin.
Deli (Sumatra).	Shanghai.	

The Corporation GRANT DRAFTS on the above Agencies and Branches ; buy and receive for collection Bills of Exchange ; issue Letters of Credit ; and undertake general banking business.

FIXED DEPOSITS

are received for TWELVE MONTHS at FOUR PER CENT per Annum. Rate for shorter periods may be ascertained on application.

JOHN STIVEN,
Agent.

Bombay Agency, Elphinstone Circle.

THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE :—CALCUTTA.

BRANCHES :—BOMBAY, KARACHI, LONDON, MADRAS RANGOON AND RAWAL PINDEE.

SUB-AGENCY :—MURREE, (April to October.)

CAPITAL PAID UP—Rs. 40,00,000.

RESERVE FUND...— ,, 1,00,000.

RATES OF INTEREST allowed are as under—

STERLING DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS for home remittances 4 per cent. per annum.

FIXED DEPOSITS :—

9 to 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.
2 years at 5½ per cent. per annum.
3 years at 6 per cent. per annum.

The Bank will also at the Head Office or at any of the Branches in India, transfer sums for DEPOSIT in London, carrying interest from date of transfer in India.

Special Rates are given for SHORT PERIOD DEPOSITS. At present they are—

For 2 months, at 5 per cent, per annum.
For 3 months, at 6 per cent. per annum.

Sums as small as Rs. 10 are received into the Bank's PRUDENTIAL FUND, bearing half-yearly compound interest at 5 per cent. per annum.

Cheques, Bills, Hundies and Currency Notes of any Circle are collected and credited free of charge in the above INTEREST DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS receive 2 per cent. per annum upon the daily balances.

Apply for RULES to HEAD OFFICE or BRANCHES.

By order of the Board,
F. D. STRANACK,
Manager.

Bombay, 1st February, 1900.

DOCTOR MENIST SPECTACLES.

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	Gold.	Silver	Steel & Nickel
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
With Turnpin Side 60		28	16
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With Cur 60		24	16
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If, at any time, the assured under this plan should desire to cease paying any more premiums, he can obtain a paid-up Policy for such a proportion of the original sum assured as the number of premiums paid bears to the number agreed upon. Thus a gentleman who had assured at age 30 for a Policy of Rs. 3,000 payable at age 60 or at Death, if previous, after 5 years' payments, would be entitled to a Free paid-up Policy for Rs. 600 free of future payments.

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At age 20, Rs. 6-9-0
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At age 35, Rs. 10-13-0
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* Funds invested in Government Securities and in accordance with the Indian Trust Act.
* Policy holders can appoint their own Directors.
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..... Those of my readers who have confidence in my culinary recommendations, and I trust they are many, will do well to note that I prefer BENEDICTINE to all other liqueurs.

ALEXANDER DUMAS.

..... At a time when the luxuries of the table are sought after on all sides, I do not hesitate to acknowledge and recommend BENEDICTINE as the queen of liqueurs, now to be seen on any table. It is found and appreciated alike in restaurants, in private families, and on the tables of princes.

H. DE PENE.

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TIMOTHEE TRIMM.

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The Benedictine is remarkable for its agreeable taste, and for its really salutary effects as a stomachic ; and it is principally on this account that the liqueur should bear the motto *Morinur qui non sitiunt.*

Extract from the *Gazette Médicale*.

After meals we know of nothing more agreeable than a small glass or two of BENEDICTINE. It perfumes the breath, delights the palate, promotes digestion, and is a powerful aid to an inactive or overloaded stomach. During an epidemic, and for instance, its one the evil effects of an impure atmosphere by the use of BENEDICTINE is indisputable. At the beginning of this liqueur had occasion to appreciate the full value of this most genial and we are now happy to give it our highest praise.

DR. MALLET, M. D.

We place all our confidence in the hygienic properties of BENEDICTINE. Invalids and those who suffer from diseases of the respiratory organs, affections of the chests, headaches, congestion of brain, etc., and who cannot take other liquors, can safely make BENED

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THE BANK will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, the 17th instant, that day, being a Public Holiday under the "Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881."

J. BEGBIE,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Bombay, 10th March, 1900.

THE ASSOCIATED EXCHANGE BANKS.

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JAMES MURDOCH,
Manager.

Bombay, 13th March, 1900.

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BANKS.

	Shares.	Amount.	Paid-up.	Last Half Yearly. Divid.	Cash Rate.
INDIAN BANKS.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Bank of Bombay	20,000	500	all	10 p. c. } 1 bon. }	1,335
Bank of Bengal	40,000	00	all	10 pr. ct.	1,175
Bank of Madras	10,000	500	all	10 pr. ct.	1,160
Commercial Bank of India.	{ 10,000 / 15,000 }	100	{ 100 / 75 }	6 p.c.	82
EXCHANGE BANKS.					
Agra	1,00,000	25	all	3 pr. ct.	93
Chartered Bank, Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	40,000	£20	£20	10 pr. ct.	£29 1-2
National Bank of India	80,000	[fol. 155	all	£1 10-0	£671
	200	100		115 dvd Rs15	360
	5,000	250		dvd Rs. 5	41
	1,050	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs 45	1,335
	4,000	1,000	1,000	dvd 60	1,645
	400	Nil	Nil	Nil	—
	600	1,000	Nil	Nil	no sz
	1,400	1,000	1,000	Rs. 20	160
	5,725	625	25 dvs	Nil	10
	742	1,	1,000	dvd Rs 50	575
	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs 50	630
	650	1,000	1,000	Nil.	685
	1,250	500	500	Nil	500
	1,500	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs20	800
	500	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs75	1,725
	2,500	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs30	925
	1,000	500	500	Nil	500
	1,212	250	250	dvds 12½	255
	1,200	250	250	Rs. 15	225
	500	1,000	500	Nil	212 1-2
	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	660
	3,000	500	500	dvd Rs 25	530
	3,000	500	500	dvd Rs 20	295
	500	1,000	1,000	50	230
	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs 20	
	900	500	500	dvd Rs10	410x2
	550	1,000	1,000	Nil	2
	1,200	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs50	225
	400	50	all	dvd Rs-	23
		1,000	1,000	81	—

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

				Half yearly.	
Ahmedabad Advantage	70	1,000	000	Nil	
Alliance	1,500	1,100	all	0	203
Anglo-Indian	1,345			Nil	32
Asser Veerjee Mill Ltd	In all 2000 Shares of which 1002 have been allotted.	Rs. 500 each	Fully paid up	Rs. 25	nom.
Aurangabad S & M. Co., Ld.		1,000	1,000	60	
Bailey & E. W. Co., Ld. (Bel- lary)	971	60	all	9 per ct.	1.00
Barsi Manfg Co., Ld	2,750	550,000	200	12 1-2	165
Bombay United	90	1,000	1,000	Nil	350
Bombay Cotton Manfg. Co.	90	500	500	dvd Rs 2.	400
Bombay National Manfg. Co., Ld	500	1,000	,000	90	
Britannia Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs. 5	300
Bombay Woollen Manfg. Co. Ltd	650	1,000	1,000	10 per ct.	1,000
Central India	1,000	500	50	dvd 2,50	1,735
China Mills Co. Ld.	800	1,000	1,00	dvd Rs.3	465
City of Bombay Mills	800	1,000	1,00	dvd Rs. 2.	575
Colmbatore Ring, S. and W	6,000	100	00	9 per ct.	1
Connaught Mills	600	500	500	25	535
Colaba Land & Mills	4,500	700	...	Rs. 10	285
Coorla Mills	800	1,000	1,000	Rs. 2.	380
Currimbhoy Mills	80	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs60	655
David Mill	1,400	500	500	dvd Rs30	335
Dhulia Ginning and Pressing Co., Ld.	400	250	all	dvd Rs25	255
Dhun Mills	1,800	1,000	1,000	Nil	100
Empress	2,100	500	500	Nil	302½
Framjee Cowasjee	1,200	1,000	1,000	Nil	280
Hindustan	875	1,000	1,000	Nil	290
Hingunghat Co.	700	500	500	4.	670
Howard and Bulloughs	1,500	500	500	50	510
Hope Mills	500	1,000	1,000	200	350
Hydernabad	700	1,000	1,000	30	1,220 xd
Imperial Cotton	900	500	500	Nil	185
Indian Manfg., Ld.	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvd 30	40½
India Manufacturing Co., Ld.	700	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs 50	400
James Greaves	1,100	500	500	20	490
Jaffer Alli	600	500	500	dvd Rs 20	220
Jamshedjee Manufacturing Co.	1,500	200	250	Nil	131
Jewraj Balloo	1,000	1,000	1,00	no dvd	375
Jubilee Mills	8,420	1,000	1,000	20	200
Khandelsh	7,500	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs50	690
Khangaum Manfg. Co....	1,000	250	250	65	500 xd
Kohinoor	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs20	400
Kurla Manufacturing Co.	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs 20	400
Maharashtra Spinning & Weaving Co.	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs 20	400
Mahomedbhoy Currimbhoy	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs 20	400
Mahomed Ebrahim Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs 20	400
Mahomed Ismail Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs 20	400
Mahomed Yusuf Mills	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs 20	400
Maneckjee Petit	4,000	1,000	1,000	dvd 60	1,645
Mehta J. K. Parekh G & Mfg Co. Ld., Jamnagar	200	100	115	dvd Rs15	360
Mazagon	5,000	250	—	dvd Rs. 5	41
Meerji Goculdass	1,050	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs 45	1,335
Mysore S & M. Co., Ld	4,000	250	250	dvd Rs15	260
Mahura Mills..	1,772	100	100	Nil	—
National	600	1,000	1,000	Nil	no sz
New Great Eastern.....	1,400	1,000	1,000	Rs. 20	160
Oriental	5,725	625	25 dvs	Nil	10
Presidency	742	1,	1,000	dvd Rs 50	575
Ripon Mills	630	1,000	1,000	Nil.	685
Sanraswati Mills	1,250	500	500	Nil	500
Sassoon	1,500	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs20	800
Sholapore Mills	500	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs75	1,725
Soonderjee	2,500	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs30	925
Southern India	1,000	500	500	Nil	500
Southern Mahratta	1,212	250	250	dvds 12½	255
Standard Mills	1,200	250	250	Rs. 15	225
Star of India	1,000	500	500	Nil	212 1-2
Swadeshi Mills	3,000	500	500	dvd 12½	660
Sassoon and Allahoy	3,000	500	500	dvd Rs 20	530
Union Spinning and Manufacturing Co..	500	1,000	1,000	50	295
Union Mills Ld.	1,000	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs 20	230
Venishanker Lalbhai Manfg. Co. Ld.	900	500	500	dvd Rs10	410x2
Victoria Mills	550	1,000	1,000	Nil	2
Western India.	1,200	1,000	1,000	dvd Rs50	225
Wadhwan City Ginning Pressing & Manufacturing Co., Ld.	400	50	all	dvd Rs-	23
Wadia Mills		1,000	1,000	81	—

PRESS COMPANIES.

			Yearly.		
A tmaram Sons	200	1,250	1,250	125	1,300 xd
Albert Ginning Co.	100	500	all	18 pr. ct.	410
Albert (Kurrachee)	200	1,100	Rs. 80		725
Bhownagger Ginning Manfg. Co. Ld	2500	250	250	25	275
Bombay Cotton Broach Ginning and Pressing Co., Ld.	1,000	125	Nil.		724
Bombay Press Co., Ld	500	200	200	dvd Rs30	180 xd
Bombay Printing Press Co., Ld	600	200	200	dv Rs 20	200 xd
Colaba	500	1,880	dvd Rs 15		315
East India	350	1,000	1,000	× 125	1,325
Empire Printing and Manfg	400	200	...	dvd Rs 9	60
Fort	150	8,300	500	dvd Rs20	650
French	300	500	500	dvd Rs40	510
Harvey and Sabapathy	450	450	500	dvd Rs35	340 xd
Himoli Press Co., Ld	700	100	100	Rs 17	125 xd
Khangaum	240	450	450	dvd Rs 80	475 xd
Bahuva Press Co., Ld.	1300	200	all	15 pr. ct.	225
Mahmadpura Cotton Gand Pressing Co.	300	500	500	53	55
Mercantile	600	125	dvd Rs 5		424
Mofussil Co	1250	400	dvd Rs25		515
Munuswar & Co.	500	all	dvd Rs20		180
New Berar	00	500	500	dvd Rs50	475
New Indian	00	125	125	dv Rs12½	130
Prince of Wales	100	500	00	20	165
Satapathy (Bellary)	500	500	70	30	300 xd
Sassoon	300	500	500	20	565
Shivajee Punjab Co.	100	1,000	1,000	125	1725
Sind	400	2,000	750	20	325
Soni's Woollen Mills	200	250	2.0	Nil.	
Surat Cirtan Co., Ld.	37	200	all	1	
Volkart	—	000	—	Rs 80	006

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			Half	tyearly	
Alcock Ashdown	1,750	100	100	dvd Rs5	175
Back Bay Baths	500	50	50	12	35
Badhan Press	5,000	100	100	12 pr ct	158
Bombay Benma Trading Corporation ...	1,000	12,500	500	dvd 450	6,670
Do. New Issue.	2500	375	625	dvd 112½	1,680
Bombay Ice Mfg. Co., Ld.,	11,250	100	100	dvd 5	79
Bombay Land and Building Co., Ld.	400	500	500	5 pr ct	500
Bombay Flour Mill	000	500	500		55
Deccan Paper Mills	1,000	500	500	5 pr ct	300
Delhi and Northern India Flour Mills ...	500	200	200	dvd Rs10	185
Dalal Cloth & General Mills Co., Ld.	2,000	250	250	9 p 16	530
Empire of India Life A. Co., Ld	292	500	50	—	56
Indian Gentlemen's Trading Association ...	1,212	250	250	dvRs 124	255
Ship Assn.....	5,500	00	10	10 pr. ct.	18
John Roberts & Co.	1,500	100	100	10 pr. ct.	165
Kemp & Co. ...	4,000	200	175		21
Kurrachee Landing	500	500	300		30
Marcks & Co., Ld.	4,000	100	100	dvd Rs15	158
Napier Hotel Co	2,000	100	1	9 pr. ct.	25
Napier Foundry	1,000	100	0	—	66
Oriental Govt. Security Life Insurance ...	5,000	200		12 pr. ct.	130
Phillips & Co. Ld.	4,000	100	50	dvd Rs 6	25
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Bar Gold, English ..... Tower) ...	2-15-0
Bar Gold	2-5-4
Bar Standard	2-5
Gold or Pieces	69

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 7m. Sun sets, 6h. 10m. High water, 0 6s. Low water, 5-44m., 5-56s.
P. and O. s. s. Peninsular, with English mails of 30th February, due to arrive at daylight.
Bank closed: Hindu Holiday.
Eleventh Extra Races.
Bellary Press Company, Military Square, 2 p.m.
Twentieth Annual Social Zoroastrian Gathering "Jashan" and Dinner of G. M. College, Ali Bless Baug, evening.
Harmston's Circus.

TO-MORROW.

Sun rises, 6h. 6m. Sun sets, 6h. 10m. High water 0-15m., 0-45s. Low water, 6-10m., 6-20s.
B. V. A. Carter Cup Competition.
H. E. Lord Northcote's arrival from Ahmedabad Tour.

PARSEE CYCLING CLUB.—Members meet at Kohinoor Mills, Dadar, at 7-30 a.m. to-morrow, for a run to Mahaval and back at 9 p.m. by moon, light.

CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PAREL.—The Lord Bishop of Bombay will preach at the above Church, at 6-30 p.m. (Madras time), to-morrow evening.

SAINT THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.—The Rev. E. F. Brown, M.A., of the Oxford Mission, Calcutta, will preach in the Cathedral, to-morrow evening, at 6 o'clock. The collections will be for the Oxford Mission of Calcutta.

ST. JOSEPH'S FOUNDLING HOSPITAL, BOMBAY.—The honorary secretary and treasurer of this institution begs to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of Rs. 200, the amount of donation given by H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore.

THE CATHOLIC LIBRARY AND READING ROOM, CAVEL.—We have been requested to state that the annual general meeting of the above Library will be held to-morrow, at 10-30 a.m., in the Library premises, when all members as well as non-members are requested to be present.

WHAT'S IN A NAME.—Mr. Laldas Lakhsaman, writing from Mugbhat Lane, says he is not the person referred to in Mr. Justice Crowe's judgment, published in our issue of the 15th inst., and that the right person is Laldas Luximonji, managing clerk to Messrs. Tyebjee Dyabhai and Co., solicitors.

ARYAN SOCIAL UNION.—Under the auspices of this Union Professor N. G. Wellniker, M.A., L.L.B., will deliver a lecture on "Education as Preparation for Life's Work," at the Gokuldas Tejpal High School Hall, Dadyshet Agiari Lane, to-morrow, [at 4 p.m., when Sir Bhalchundra Krishna, Kt., will preside.

GRANT MEDICAL COLLEGE.—The twentieth annual social gathering, "jashan" and dinner of the past and present Zoroastrian students, of Grant Medical College, comes on to-morrow evening, at the Ali Bless Baug, Girgaum. Shams-ul-ulma Erwad Jivanji Mody will deliver a lecture on "The Medicine and Medical Men in Ancient Iran," on the same occasion, and at the same place at 4 p.m. The lecture is open to the past and present Zoroastrian students of the Grant Medical College.

SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE.—The annual meeting of the Bombay Branch will be held in the Cathedral Boys' School, on Monday, March 19th, at 5-30 p.m., the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Bombay will preside. The intending speakers include Surgeon-Major H. P. Dimmock, I.M.S., the Rev. E. F. Brown, of the Oxford Mission at Calcutta, the Rev. W. A. Roberts, O. M. S., and the Rev. Fr. H. S. Nicholson, S. S. J. E. The attendance of all friends and well-wishers of the Society is invited.

A DESERTER FROM THE GOVERNMENT WORKHOUSE.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. J. W. S. Dracup, Inspector Murray charged Thomas Nelson Smith with desertion from the Government Workhouse, where evidence showed that last night the accused surrendered himself to Mr. Murray as a deserter. Mr. Thomas Greenfield, of the Government Workhouse, deposed to the accused having been convicted five times for a similar offence. The accused was sentenced to five months' rigorous imprisonment.

IMPORTING PERSIAN OPIUM.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. J. W. S. Dracup, acting Third Presidency Magistrate, Gandhi, of the Opium Department, charged Aga Abdul Rahiman with importing and being in possession of 7 1-4 tolas of Persian opium, of the value of Rs. 7. Mr. Charles Reed, preventive officer at Ballard Pier, stated that, on the 13th instant, the accused arrived in Bombay by the s. s. Bormida, and on examining his luggage the opium was found in one of his boxes. The accused was fined Rs. 25.

SUFFERING AND SUICIDE.—Mr. Allan F. Turner, the coroner, held an inquiry, yesterday, at the Mustan Tank, regarding the death of Dhakoo Luximan, a Hindu, aged about thirty-five years. The deceased was a palanquin-bearer and resided at 13th Lane, Kamatipoora. For the last two months Dhakoo had been suffering from fever and cough and unable to attend to his work. He was disgusted with his life and often said he would destroy himself. On Wednesday evening, he took his meals, and then went to Beliasis Road to sleep. He did not return home next morning, but about 4 o'clock in the afternoon a labourer on duty, at the Mustan Tank, saw deceased run down the steps and jump into the Tank. Deceased rose once to the surface of the water and then sank. The police were informed and they dragged the tank and recovered the body in the evening. A verdict of suicide was returned by the jury.

THE LATE BISHOP OF DAMAUN.—At the instance of the parishioners of the Church of Nossa Senhora de Mar, at Lower Damaun, an office de functorum was performed on Wednesday, presided over by the Rev. Vara of the district, assisted by some professors and a portion of the students of the local seminary, together with the vice-rector and clergymen of the district. Among those present were the Rev. Father Simoi, Ezekiel, Barretto, Herculano, Pacheco, Nazareth, and vicars of the Churches of Nossa Senhora de Ramadios and Nossa Senhora de Mar. With a view to honour the memory of his Lordship the late Archbishop of the District of Damaun, almost all the parishioners were present at the church, which was crowded, during the performance of the imposing ceremony held in connection therewith by the Rev. Vara, who at the close, at 8 p.m., gave absolution. This morning, from 7-30 to 8-30 high mass *requiem* was held in the same church, at which the Rev. Vara presided, and a number of parishioners attended.

ANOTHER FIRE AT LOWER DAMAUN.—Since the 21st ultimo, writes our local correspondent, there have been four fires at Lower Damaun, the first, which was in the morning, of which a child was burnt to death being attributed to carelessness and the other three, which were during the night, to the work of incendiaries in the absence at mandwas of the owners of the properties burnt. Owing to the want of proper appliances to extinguish the fires, fears are entertained, that wind favouring, any day a fire may prove most disastrous. Last night (Wednesday 14th) at 8, dense smoke was noticed issuing from Bhandarwada in Kathcria, the village being to Mr. Damaun Vanta and in a few minutes it turned into a blaze, the houses caught hold of by the the devouring element being those of Govan Bhundari and Ratan who had removed to mandwas at a distance. The alarm of the fire was given by the ringing of the bell in the garden, Damaun Lower Damaun Police Station and Upper Damaun Fort, and in a short time the police followed by the Administrator, Mr. Cyprian. By the assistances of the Machis, Damaunwala's servants and some townspeople, had the fire extinguished down, sands were by earthen chattles and baskets full of dust were thrown on the burning debris, and the fire, in the absence of wind, was extinguished within an hour, thereby saving valuable property, consisting of the depot of the well-known shipbuilder, Mr. Dubash Ratanji and many big houses, adjoining. No doubt is felt that the fire was the work of an incendiary.

NATIVE LADIES' REJOICINGS AT SANTA CRUZ.—While Bombay and mofussil towns have been giving practical expressions to their loyalty to the British throne and the venerable person of her Gracious Majesty the Queen-Empress, the little village of Santa Cruz, which is not even shown on the Government maps and has been attracting attention of the opulent refugees from Bombay was recently the scene of the ladies' rejoicing over the success of the British Arms in South Africa. A few days ago, at the Anandi Bhavan, the temporary residence of Mrs. Yamunabai Krishnanarayan Parkar, the daughter of Mr. Vasudev Pandurang, a distinguished Government pensioner and the grand-daughter-in-law of the late Mr. Succaram Luxmonji, a leading citizen in native society, invited a number of ladies to her temporary residence, as Santa Cruz, to observe last Monday as a gala day and to offer prayers for the long life of the Queen-Empress. Among those present were Mrs. Vamanrao D. Pitale, Mrs. and the four Misses Cassum Mitha, Mrs. Meherally, Mrs. Balkrishna B. Pitale Mrs. R. Fazal, Mrs. V. Myesham, Mrs. Nathuram D. Pitale, Mrs. Ramrao B. Kirtikar, Miss Balkrishna V. N. Kirtikar, Miss N. Zaoba, Mrs. Gajaram and many others. After the usual conversation between the ladies Mrs. Yamunabai stepped forward and addressed the ladies present in a brief but admirable speech, extolling the personal qualities of their royal mother the Queen-Empress and observed that this Model Ruler is an example of noble virtues, which every lady in the land ought to follow. The success of the British arms in the Transvaal is the success of her Majesty, and it would be a reflection on us all if we allow this opportunity to pass without offering our humble congratulations to her, as we have a better right to do so than our male friends and relations. Mrs. Vamanrao Pitale spoke almost to the same effect, adding that nothing would more please her Majesty than that her subjects of the same sex are not backward in their devotion to her person and raj. Several specially composed songs were sung. Miss Manockbai Zaoba, Mrs. Putiabai R., Mrs. Manockbai Pitale and Mrs. Honsabai Pitale played several solos and songs. After refreshments Mrs. Cassum Mitha sang the National Anthem. After three cheers for the Queen the gathering separated.

DEPARTURE OF THE TRANSPORT NANKIN.

THE hired transport Nankin, Captain C. D. Bennett, will sail to-day, from Durban, with 4 officers, 6 men (British), 2 hospital assistants, 1,100 bhisties, and 8 chargers. The bhisties will be brought to Bombay from Deolali, in two special trains, arriving at the jetty shed Prince's Dock, 5-40 and 6 a.m., to-day. The names of the officers are—Captain K. Chesney, 18th Bengal Lancers; Lieutenant L. C. Jones, 5th Bengal Cavalry; Lieutenant J. Byron, R.F.A.; and Lieutenant Evans, R.F.A.

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BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

THE BISHOP ON FRIVOLOUS LITERATURE.

THE Joint annual meeting of the Bombay Auxiliary to the British and Foreign Bible Society and the Bombay Tract and Book Society was held, last evening, in the Darbar Room of the Town Hall, the Bishop of Bombay presiding.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY BOMBAY AUXILIARY.

Mr. C. Douglas Green, secretary of the Bible Society, read the report of the Society for the past year which stated that despite the terrible sorrow and suffering caused by plague and famine, there had been considerable progress in the most important departments of the work. An edition of 20,000 copies of each of the Gospels of St. Mark and St. John (Revised) was printed in Marathi at the Nirnaya Sagar Press under the Superintendence of the Revision Committee. In November the Committee sanctioned the lithographing of 2,000 extra sets of Marathi Bible Maps. The past year has been marked by the publishing of a tentative Edition of 2,000 copies of the complete Gujarati Bible, which was printed at the Surat Mission Press, on thin India paper specially sent out by the Parent Society. This Bible has supplied a long felt need and has already become very popular. Although only ready in August, by the end of the year it had had a large sale. The thanks of the Committee are due to the Rev. J. Shilliday who has so energetically superintended the work and carried it through the press. 20,000 copies of the Acts of the Apostles were also printed at the above press, and in November the Committee sanctioned the printing of the book of Proverbs. The Rev. Baba Padmanji has been steadily engaged in revision work throughout the year and has completed the revision of I and II Chronicles, the books of Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job and 59 chapters of Isaiah. The book of Psalms had been previously revised by him. The Revision Committee have been chiefly occupied in correcting the proofs of the revised Gospels of St. Mark and St. John and passing them through the Press. They also commenced going over the Rev. Baba Padmonji's revision of the Acts of the Apostles. The total number of copies of the Scriptures actually put into circulation, although amounting to over sixty-one thousand, is less than the total of the previous year. The value of the work done, however, must not be gauged by a mere reference to figures. While the total circulation, including grants, is nearly 2,000 copies less than that of the previous year, there is actually a decrease of only 394 copies in the sales, and this is accounted for by the fact that the sales from the Surat Mission Press, presumably owing to the famine, were nearly 8,000 copies less than in 1898. On the other hand, the Society's Colporteurs have done extremely well and their sales are far in excess of the previous year. The total receipts during the year, including the balance of the previous year brought forward, amounted to Rs. 43,059-1-3, and the total expenditure to Rs. 42,361-0-10, thus leaving a credit balance of Rs. 1,298-0-5 to be carried forward to the year 1900. The total proceeds of Scriptures sold amounted to Rs. 5,220.13-11, and the sales from the Bombay Depot alone to Rs. 2,807-2-2.

The Rev. J. Welbrecht of Lahore, in moving the adoption of the report and the appointment of new office bearers, remarked that a considerable part of the expenditure of the past year was due to the revision of the Scrip

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

BOMBAY MARKET REPORT.

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 16.

2 3-4 per cent. Consols ..... £101 3-8 unchanged.
2 per cent. Rentes ..... £102 "
3 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan ..... £109 "
3 1-2 per cent. Govt. Securities ... £64 1-16 plus 3-16
Bar Silver in London ..... 27 5-8 plus 1-16
" New York ..... 59 7-8 unchanged.
Exchange on London at Paris ... 25·21 "
" New York ... 4·85 5-8 "
Discount. Bank of England ..... 4 per cent., "
" Short London Bills ... 4 " "
" Indian Bank Bills ... 4 " plus 1-8

EXCHANGE.—Rates were fairly well maintained after last mail left up to Monday and 1s. 4 3-32d Telegraphic, and 1s. 4 1-8d. Demand obtainable, but since then the market has weakened in sympathy with Calcutta, and rates have gradually lowered, until to-day we have reached 1s. 4d. for Telegraphic and 1s. 4 1-32d. Demand, and at 1s. 4 9-32d. for 3 months' Sight Credits.

This morning rates were somewhat irregular, as Bank Telegraphic was given at 1s. 4 1-32d., and ready bills were placed, both for Cash, at 1s. 4 1-4d. but Sellers at the higher rate, and buyers at the lower both withdrew.

The amount of business put through during the week has again been very limited, though a good amount of Bank demand was taken yesterday, principally by the Bazaar, 15th March to 15th April at 1s. 4 1-16d. As may easily be supposed, Credits have been very scarce and Banks generally were good buyers of them when offered, but there does not seem much chance of Exchange dropping to any further great extent, as though Money is fairly easy in this country, the Secretery of State has reduced his drawings of Councils for next week by Rs. 10,000 lakhs or say, from Rs. 50 lakhs to Rs. 40 lakhs. Money on this side is quickly absorbed, especially with a huge rice crop in Burmah, the bulk of which has still to be financed, and quite an abnormal demand for it in India owing to the unprecedented severity of this years famine.

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—There has been very little doing during the week in a hardening market, and prices have advanced Re. 1 from Rs. 94-13, after the mail left, to Rs. 95-14 as we close. Calcutta is reported to have been buying, but here, there is no life in the market—the principal dealers in paper—the Marwaries being out of Bombay.

STOCKS and SHARES.—Market closed for "Holi" holidays but during the days it was open, prices were fairly maintained with however very little doing.

MONEY is in fair demand and 5 per cent can be got for short deposits of one or two months. The Bank of Bengal cash balance was up 48 lakhs yesterday, and the rate of interest reduced by 1 per cent. making it 7 per cent now.

In Bombay no change was made in the Bank's rate which stands at 8 per cent., the same as the Bank of Madras.

The Bank of England's reserve is 38 per cent. of the liabilities.

WHEAT AND SEEDS.—Markets closed to-day on account of the "Holi" holidays.

Throughout the week, rates for all descriptions have kept firm but with very little doing, owing to very limited arrivals.

WHEAT.—Arrivals for the week 830 tons.

SEEDS.—Gingelly.—Prices have continued firm at Rs. 44 per candy for Red Muggee, and Rs. 48-8-0 for Yellow Hinghunghat. Arrivals for the week 1,235 tons.

LINSEED at Rs. 8-12-0 to Rs. 8-13-0. Prices are firm for ready delivery but with only a small business doing. For April-May the rate declined from Rs. 8-14-0 to Rs. 8-10-6 but the market closes firm at Rs. 8-12-0.

Arrivals for the week 342 ton.

CASTORSEED.—Transactions during the week have been very few; for small parcels of ready, Rs. 38-4 per candy was paid at which the market closes steady.

For forward delivery considerably higher rates are quoted, and for April-May, Rs. 39-12 is asked, and for September-October, Rs. 42 with buyers at these rates.

Arrivals for the week 829 tons.

RAPESEED.—Only a small business passing without much change in rates.

Yellow Guzerat ..... Rs. 7-2-0 per cwt.
do. Cawnpore ..... " 6-15-5 "
Brown Cawnpore ..... " 6-12-0 "
New crop is rather quieter.
Arrivals for the week 217 tons.

SEEDS.—Yellow Cawnpore Rapeseed is quoted in London 4s. 3 3-4d. per qr. March, Dunkirk, for value Market firmer.

FERIGHTS.—Owners have continued to show a firm front throughout the week and there has been a little more doing. Without any cargo to speak of, speculators have had to pay high rates to cover their engagements.

The fixtures during the week have been the "Imani" for 2 ports. March-April loading at 20s.

The "Chulmleigh," 2 picked ports (excluding Hamburg) at 21s. March loading, and the "Elax" for Genoa and Marseilles, at 17s. 6d. for May.

There has been a brisk demand for steamers from the rice ports, 5 boats in all, having been taken up.

At rates, ranging from Rs. 10 to Rs. 11 from Rangoon to Bombay.

There is rather more enquiry from shippers for April, for which full rates are asked.

COALS.—During the week the market has been very strong, with a good all round enquiry for anything like dear shipment and prices continue to advance.

By way of a change 1,500 tons, English Coals, Duttons, were sold for March, at Rs. 21; while in Indian medium to large lines, have been done, in "Jardines" for March and April at Rs. 15-4, May at Rs. 15, June at Rs. 13-4, July to December Rs. 14.

DESHARGUR.—March at Rs. 16-8, April-May at Rs. 16 with a good demand for July to December at Rs. 15-8-0.

BIRDS' NAVIGATION.—In all about 12,000 tons were sold during the week.

	Rs. a.	Rs. a.
For early March shipment at...	15	4
April	14	4
May	13	8 to 13 12
July-December	13	8

while and resale for ready, in Harbour, fetched Rs. 16.

SINGARENI.—Altogether, in the week, about 8,000 tons were sold—ready at Rs. 13-8 to Rs. 14, March-April, at Rs. 13-12.

MUIRS NAVIGATION.—A line for June was sold at Rs. 13-12.

HEILGER'S.—A line of this coal was sold March, April, May, at Rs. 14-8 and July to December, at Rs. 13-8.

The following are the quations for coal alongside.—

	Rs.
Singareni	13 3-4
Deshargar ..... Bengal	16 1-4
Muir's Navigation ..... "	15
Jardine's ..... "	15 1-4
Seebpore ..... "	15 1-2

COTTON.—The Market has been more or less unsettled all week and prices have fluctuated considerably, and notwithstanding the further improvement in Liverpool and New York, rates have given way all round, and only a small business has been done in ready cotton.

The Sutta Markets have been quite demoralized, and Good Broach has fallen Rs. 40 a candy, in fact at one time the rate quoted was Rs. 60 lower than the highest point touched last week—The "So called" ring appear disposed to get out of their contracts, and as soon as delivery orders were sent round freely the tendency to sell seemed to increase, but an inquiry from outside buyers, who were attracted by the low rates ruling, had the effect of checking the decline yesterday and rates improved to Rs. 250, without however, much business passing.

The Bengal Sutta has also given way but not to the same extent as the Broach. The demand from shippers continues very small while mill buyers continue to operate sparingly, and though holders generally speaking, shew more disposition to meet buyers than was the case last week, the daily off-take remains very small.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed firmer, Surats quiet. Manchester was firm. Total sales 12,000 bales. Sold on Speculation and for Export 1,000 bales Imports 180,000 bales. Surats nil. Spot 5 20-32 plus 1-16. Arrivals closed steady.

Egyptian Fair Brown ...	8 7-16
Good Madras we terms ...	5
Fair Comradan ...	4 25-32

Cotton New York.

Receipts at the Ports ...	19,000 bales.
Exports to Great Britain ...	11 000 "
Do to Continent ...	12,000 "
Mid. Uplands ...	9 7-8 plus 1-8
Futures, month of June ...	9·35 plus 11
Do do September ...	8·42 plus 6

The following are to-day's quotations for full-pressed cotton with the equivalents in sterling, cost, and freight to Liverpool via Canal, without Commission, viz. :—

	Per Candy.	Per lb. d. s. f.
Bengal, Fine ...	Rs. 242—4 15-16	
Do. Fully Good ...	" 237—4 7-8	
Do. Good ...	" 231—4 3-4	
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The movements of Cotton to date show the following comparisons with the previous two years :—

	1900 Bales	1899. Bales	1898 Bales
For the week ...	31,681	87,498	59,816
From 1st Jan. to 15th March ...	355,391	365,912	331,076
Clearances to Great Britain and Continent.			
For the week ...	2,280	4,020	
From 1st Jan. to 15th March ...	92,896	175,862	76,283
Clearances to China, Japan, Calcutta, &c.			
For the week ...	28,200	12,127	879
From 1st Jan. to 15th March ...	135,500	123,194	87,782

The comparative imports of Wheat and Seeds are as under :—

	1900. Cwts.	1899. Cwts.	1898. Cwts.
Wheat for the week ...	16,585	118,483	79,343
Do. from 1st Jan. to 15th March ...	258,829	640,891	396,315
Linseed for the week ...	6,840	90,578	71,145
Do. from 1st Jan. to 15th March ...	41,367	549,997	408,630
Rapeseed for the week ...	4,350	29,412	18,599
Do. from 1st Jan. to 15th March ...	31,714	212,899	105,390
Gingelly for the week ...	24,702	43,721	60,411
Do. from 1st Jan. to 15th March ...	877,570	746,123	1,707,393

The clearances of Wheat and Seeds to Great Britain and Continent are as follows :—

	1900. Cwts.	1899. Cwts.	1898. Cwts.
Wheat for the week ...	...	35,417	17,852
Do. from 1st January to 15th March ...	4	353 681	43,352
Linseed for the week ...	13,481	11,000	...
Do. from 1st January to 15th March ...	79,886	452,415	454,146
Rapeseed for the week ...	50,831	1,001	...
Do. from 1st January to 15th March ...	239,583	288,402	195,124
Gingelly seed for the week ...	200,705	15,000	24,992
Do. from 1st January to 15th March ...	888,776	658,053	533,034

PIECE GOODS.—During the past week, owing to the "Holi" holidays, little or nothing has been done in the bazaar and in the absence of business prices have hardly been tested, but as the Home markets keed very firm, dealers are not inclined to sell at lower rates. There is little or no demand for goods to arrive, as few sales have been made during the week. Stocks, as shown by the latest Chamber of Commerce returns are steadily falling off, and it is not at all unlikely they may continue to do so, as the Shipments advised from Home are but light.

Of grey, bleached, and printed goods, there is nothing special to report.

IMPORTED YARNS.—With only a small stock in hand, prices are firmly maintained, but owing to the famine and high prices now asked, the off take is consequently very much reduced.

COPPER AND YELLOW METAL.—There is nothing whatever doing, and prices are quite unchanged in spite of the very substantial rise advised from Home It is hoped that after the "Holi" holidays some improvement may take place.

COPPER is quoted at Rs. 66-8 average price bazaar terms.

YELLOW METAL is quoted at Rs.49-14 average price bazaar terms.

SKINS.—The Goat Skin sale closed in London yesterday in good demand, Bombay prime qualities at last sale rates Bombay common qualities 1d. lower. Madras prime qualities at last sale rates. Madras common qualities 1-2d. to 1d. lower Number of skins sold 1,170,000.

Current quotations of local made piece goods and Yarns on Friday, 16th March, 1900 :—

PIECE GOODS.—Market Steady.

	Inches.	Yards.	Weight in lbs.	Net rates per lb. as under
T Cloths ...	16 to 18	12 to 22	1 1-4 to 2 1-2	6·75 to 7·25
Do ...	24 to 31	20 to 24	4 to 7	6·50 to 7·00
Long Cloths ...	30 to 44	30 to 38	7 to 12	6·50 to 7·00
Do ...	45 to 55	33 to 38	7 to 12	6·50 to 7·00
Domestics ...	18 to 27	50 to 66	8 to 16	6·50 to 7·00
Do ...	27 to 37	67 to 72	14 to 26	6·50 to 7·00
Chuddees ...	35 to 54	4 to 6	1 to 3	6·50 to 6·75
Do ...	54 to 72	5 to 6	2 1-2 to 4	6·50 to 6·75
Plain Dhoties ...	40 to 27	4 to 7	1-2 to 1 1-4	6·50 to 6·75
Do Do	30 to 45	8 to 11	1 1-4 to 3 1-4	6·50 to 6·75
Red Bordered Dhoties ...	20 to 27	4 to 7	1-3 to 1 1-4	7·00 to 7·25
Do Do	30 to 45	8 to 11	1 1-4 to 3 1-4	6·75 to 7·00
Dhoties with Fancy Borders ...	30 to 50	8 to 11	1 to 3	7·00 to 7·50
Sooti-Gray with coloured lines ...	24 to 38	24	3 to 6	7·50 to 7·75
Checks ...	24 to 27	24	5 to 8	8·00 to 9·00
Drills, Grey ...	24 to 27	40	8 to 13	6·50 to 6·75
Towells and Napkins (Different sizes) ...				7·00 to 7·50

YARN.—Market Steady.

Twist ...	No.	Mule.	As.			Per lb.
" ...	8s	"	"	4 1-2	to 5	"
" ...	10s	"	"	4 3-4	" 5	"
" ...	12s	"	"	5 1-4	" 5 3-4	"
" ...	16s	"	"	5 3-4	" 6 3-4	"
" ...	20s	"	"	6 1-8	" 6 3-4	"
" ...	24s	"	"	6 1-4	" 6 3-4	"
" ...	30s	"	"	7	" 8	"
" ...	40s	"	"	7 3-4	" 8 1-2	"

Receipts of various growths of cotton at Bombay to date compared with the corresponding periods in the previous season.

Growths.	Yesterday. Bales of 392 lbs.	Total for the week	Total to date (in Bales) since. January 1st 1900.	January 1st 1899.	October 1st 1899.	October 1st 1898.
Khandeish ...	...	705	3,687	48,628	201,686	92,453	372,147
Barnee and Nugur ...	...	265	2,178	22,158	86,007	32,428	64,871
Berar ...	...	1,208	4,173	61,286	321,103	111,112	484,587
Total Comras	...	2,239	10,338	132053	581,795	237,993	921,605
Hingunghat ...	...	...	423	4,381	7,895	6,389	10,773
Dholleras ...	...	333	1,785	16,334	96,180	46,010	136,882
Broach ...	...	492	2,341	16,825	34,688	19,196	37,071
Coompta and Dharwar ...	...	...	852	12,196	16,532	45,316	27 924
Westerns ...	...	...	218	1,323	2,617	1,923	8,188
Bengals ...	...	2,200	1 ,092	135,55	120,774	2 ,121	161,729
Sind ...	...	3.8	1,295	14,938	1,664	22,475	1,981
Persian ...	...	...	221	4,338	60	5,833	125
American ...	...	1,701	1,701	7,393	681	11,259	1,414
Egyptian ...	...	2,100	2,100	4,38.	9·0	7,326	1,074
Other Sorts ...	...	...	...	974	5	2,188	8
Total ...	...	9,373	31,661	350,391	865,512	983,820	1108774

Summary of daily arrivals of produce into Bombay :—

	cwts.
Wheat ...	16,585
Linseed ...	6,840
Rapeseed ...	4,350
Gingelly seed ...	24,702
Poppyseed ...	120
Groundnuts ...	3,002
Castorseed ...	16,578
Rice ...	117,422

DIVINE SERVICE.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT, MARCH 18.

SAINT THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion—Choral—Merbecke. Hymns—Sparf 2, 242 Ave Verum, and 356.
5 p.m.—Children's Service.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon by the Rev. E. F. Brown, M.A. Hymns—255, 229 and 184.
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis.—Woodward in A.
Daily Matins at 6-45, a.m. and Evensong at 5 p.m.
Daily Holy Communion at 7-15 a.m.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, COLABA.

(Afghan Memorial Church.)

8 a.m.—Missa Cantata (Merbecke)—Hymns 181, 313 and 324.
11 a.m.—Choral, Mattins and Sermon by the Rev. Father H. S. Nicholson, M.A. (ex), S.S.J.E. Parade Service)—Hymns 234, 134 and 492. Do. do. March in Soul.
6 p.m.—Choral, Evensong and Sermon—Hymns 261, 133, 252 and 94.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

(Church of Scotland.)

11 a.m.—Joint Service. Paraphrase 2, Evan 76; Hymns 188 148 and 119.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
6 p.m.—Evening Service. Psalm 46, tune 131.—Hymns 188 1st tune, and 337, 287 2nd tune.
Anthem—"O Lord my God"—Malan.

WESLEYAN CHURCH,

(Colaba Causeway).

8 a.m. and 6 p.m.—Parade Service, Rev. W. Scott.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
8 p.m.—Social Hour.
All seats free, and strangers cordially welcomed.

(Wesleyan Church, Byculla.)

9-30 a.m. and 6 p.m.—Rev. F. R. Atkins.

BOWEN MEMORIAL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

(Behind the Apollo Hotel.)

9-45 a.m.—Sunday School.
11 a.m.—Sermon by Rev. L. E. Le-zell.
6 p.m.—Sermon by J. Anderson, Esq., A. M.
Wednesday at 6 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.
All seats free, and strangers cordially welcomed.

(Grant Road Methodist Episcopal Church.)

8 a.m.—Sunday School.
11 a.m. and 6 p.m.—Sermon by Rev. L. E. Lensell.
Wednesday at 6 p.m.—Prayer Meeting.
All seats free, and strangers cordially welcomed.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, ESPLANADE.

(Near School of Art.)

Incumbent—Rev. C. Gilder.

8 a.m.—Celebration of the Holy Communion—Hymns 87, 322 and 242.
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon—Hymns 90, 266 and 184.
The offertories for Church expenses and poor relief.

MISSION CHURCH, GIRGAUM.

11 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon by Rev. L. B. Butcher.
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer, Holy Communion and Sermon by Rev. W. A. Roberts.

FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

(Wandby Road, Esplanade.)

4-30 p.m.—Sunday School and Bible classes.
6 p.m.—Evening Service.—Psalms 61, tune 121.
Te Deum—"Stainer." Hymns 382 and 358.
11 a.m.—Joint Service in St. Andrew's Church.

ST. NICHOLAS (SEAMEN'S) CHURCH.

(Prince's Dock.)

8 a.m.—Litany and Holy Communion.
6 p.m.—Evensong, Sermon and Litany of Penitence.
Thursdays, 8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
Fridays, 6 p.m.—Evensong, Address and Miserere.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MAZAGON.

6 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
7 a.m.—Choral Eucharist. Preacher Rev. Fr. Tovey.
10 a.m.—Children's Service.
10-45 a.m.—Matins.
6 p.m.—Choral Evensong. Preacher, Rev. Fr. Nicholson. Alms for general expenses.

CHRIST CHURCH, BYCULLA.

8 a.m.—Holy Communion by Rev. J. D. Ozane—Hymns 37, 249 and 368.
4-45 p.m.—Sunday School.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon by Rev. J. D. Ozane—Hymns 91, 91 and 256.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, PAREL.

(Madras time.)

8 a.m.—Celebration of the Holy Eucharist.
8-30 a.m.—Matins and Litany.—Hymns 5 and 109.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon by the Lord Bishop of Bombay.—Hymns 269, 91, 20 and 465.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH BANDORA.

11 a.m.—Matins and Sermon.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.

Bombay, 15th March, 1900.

Means of observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. 4 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 deg. Fah. ...	inches 29·827
Temperature of the Air ...	degrees 81·1
Wet Bulb Thermometer ...	72·3
Dew Point ...	68·3
Relative humidity of Air ...	0·629
Extent of Cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded = 10) ...	0·0
Maximum temperature of air (read at 8 a.m.) next day ...	degrees 88·4
Minimum do. do. (read at 8 a.m.) ...	72·1
General Directions of wind ...	WNW, ENE, WNW. NW.
Movement of Wind in 24 hours ...	miles

From midnight to midnight.

N. A. F. MOOS,

Director, Government Observatory.

THE BOMBAY GAZETTE

OVERLAND SUMMARY.

(Compiled for despatch by the Weekly Mail to Europe.)

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[THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

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BIRTHS.

BURLTON—March 10, at Coonoor, Nilgiris, the wife of C H B Burlton, P W D, of a son.
COOMBES—March 9, at Fytche Square, Rangoon, the wife of Sydney C Coombes, of a son.
COVENTRY—March 11, at Tarkaulia, Champaran, the wife of F M Coventry, of a son.
HECHLE—March 12, at No. 9, Russell Street, Calcutta, the wife of J H Hechle, of a son.
SIMON—March 8, at Trimulgherry, Deccan, the wife of Assistant Surgeon J R Simon, I S M D, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

MABBETT—BRANT—March 2, at St Antony's Chapel Lahore, by the Rev Father Lee, O C, assisted by the Rev Father Theodule, O C Percy Wharest, eldest son of Charles Mabbett, Salisbury, to Mabel Inez Cecelia, third daughter of Francis Henry Beaty, of Tullamore Lodge, Lahore.
MARSDEN—BARTON—March 3, at St George's Cathedral, Madras, by the Rev A Acheson Williams, M A, Arthur PoolesMarsden, to Grace (Button), eldest daughter of Mr T. Barton, Bangalore.

DEATHS.

BOYCE—March 10, at the General Hospital, Madras, William Charles Boyce, Traffic Superintendent, east Coast State Railway, aged 49 years and 20 days.
O'BRIEN—March 2, at Gorakhpur, N-W P, at the residence of her son J O'Brien, B & N-W Railway, Mary, widow of the late Charles O'Brien, and daughter of the late David, Hourigan, of Clare Street, Limerick, and Muroe, Ireland, aged 75 years.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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The Bombay Gazette

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 1900.

A VERY interesting volume on the Western Rajputana States has been written by Lieut.-Colonel Archibald Adams, I. M. S., and published at the Junior Army and Navy Stores, London. The author having been officially directed to write a medico-topographical account of the Western Rajputana States has put life into the dry bones of history and statistics by giving a brief account of the events in the lives of the rulers of the country, and by telling his readers much of the customs and modes of thought of the inhabitants among whom he worked for eighteen years. The fauna and flora of the States are admirably described, and the legends and superstitions of the people, which give the local colour to their otherwise uniform lives, find a place in these pages. Numerous and excellent photographs of persons, temples, birds and animals illustrate the text. Marwar, Sirohi and Jaisalmir are the three States treated of. Marwar or Jodhpore is the largest of the three, and contains a little over two and a half millions of inhabitants, of whom about 60 per cent. are agriculturists. Hindus are 86 per cent; Mahomedans and Jains with a few Aryas, Parsis, Christians and Sikhs make up the balance. The cultivators are Jats; laudowners and soldiers, Rajputs; priests, beggars and officials, Brahmins; traders, mahajans and coarse cloth makers of the Bhambi caste. The cultivation is mostly of millets and pulses, except in the tracts where the Luni overflows and fertilises, when they raise wheat and barley in large quantities as well as cotton. The average rainfall is only 14 inches, but irrigation has been of late years extensively carried on. The Jaswant Sagar lake has been constructed by Mr. Home, and irrigates a vast tract on which stand fifteen villages. The manufactures are mostly brass and iron utensils and tools, marble vessels, gold and silver ornaments, leather goods, cotton and woollen fabrics for ordinary clothing, embroidered shawls, blankets, and dyed cottons. Salt forms a great part of the revenue of the State, enormous quantities being made in the neighbourhood of the Sambhar Lake on the borders of Jeypore, and elsewhere. Marwar also exports cattle, sheep, goats, horses, camels, marble, and grinding stones. But much of its prosperity is due to its young dealers who travel all over India, trading. They come back from time to time and eventually return to Marwar, when they have accumulated fine fortunes. The State benefits, for they send their money home and spend it in their own country. Unrefined sugar, rice and opium are the chief imports. Besides these luxuries, such as English piece-goods, silver and copper, spices, silk, dyes, &c., are imported from Bombay and Guzerat.

Though the climate of this northern region is fairly healthy and very dry, Pali in Marwar suffered severely from the plague in 1836-37, and gave it the name of the Pali plague ever since. It was supposed to have been imported from China in silk which was then extensively dyed in Marwar. The Rajputana Hindus are an essentially religious people, but tolerant of other sects. They are very charitable and support ascetics liberally. The maintenance of these pious drones must be a serious tax on the people, for in Jodhpore city alone there are hundreds of Brahmins well-clothed, well-fed and bejewelled, whose income is entirely drawn from begging. Of course the ascetics lay claim to much occult wisdom and profess great piety and self-denial. They can perform the most wonderful feats of endurance, some never sleep lying down, or lying on sharp points, &c. The omens that are studied by the people are amusing. It is unlucky to meet a stingy man in the early morning, and yawning is to be avoided lest one swallow an evil spirit. If you do, the only thing is to snap your fingers at him. As rich men have much leisure and time hangs heavy on their idle hands, they yawn frequently, and they find it wise to keep retainers to snap their fingers at the nimble little spirits. The sarus is considered lucky, and the blue pigeon and the peacock are not shot or killed. An owl screaming on your left means disaster, on your right, success. Sneezing before you undertake anything is bad, but a person sneezing behind you is lucky. Three men going on the same errand cannot be successful, and no wonder. The conviction that the birth of a girl is unlucky influences the people in the matter of registration. They cannot understand why the head of a house should have to report such a family misfortune, which brings on him the derision of his household. But an effort is made to induce the inhabitants to register births. Small-pox used to rage through the States before the introduction of vaccination. Nearly every adult shows the marks of the disease. The people relied on religious ceremonies altogether, shut the sufferer into a dark room and excluded the air, and if he haply recovered, he was taken to Mata's shrine and thanks were offered. The mortality was terrible. Cholera often visits Marwar and the other States, but fever seems the most constant cause of mortality. Strange to say the plague which carried off immense numbers of the people in 1836-7 did not flourish in 1897-8-9. It was imported from Bombay and Poona, but never attained considerable dimensions. There are five hospitals in Jodhpore and one in Sirohi, besides numerous dispensaries scattered through the States.

Though the Rajputs live larg

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

ROYAL ENGINEERS' WORK AT BLOEMFONTEIN.

LONDON, MARCH 15.

A Reuter's despatch from Bloemfontein, dated 13th inst., states that the previous evening, Captain Hunter Weston, Royal Engineers, and ten men penetrated the Boer lines, cut the telegraph lines, and blew up the railway to the north of the town.

On Tuesday morning, the Boers occupied a few kopjes south of the town, but a few shells drove them off, killing eight, and the surrender of the town followed.

[Kroonstad, the town which President Steyn (or ex-President Steyn as Lord Roberts terms him) has proclaimed the new Capital of the Orange Free State is a hundred and thirty miles further north on the railway line than Bloemfontein and about half-way between the old Capital and Pretoria.]

THE OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTH.

A despatch from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, Thursday evening, says, General Gatacre crossed the Orange River and occupied Bethulie this morning.

General Pole-Carew with 2,000 Guards, two guns and a few Mounted Infantry have started hence to join Generals Gatacre and Clements and passed Bethanie this afternoon, unopposed.

[General Gatacre has advanced fifty miles since he left Burghersdorp at the beginning of the week and has been joined by Generals Clements and Brabant. The former has marched 70 miles for Rensburg and the latter 50 miles from Aliwal North. General Pole-Carew is travelling down from Bloemfontein to join General Gatacre, and had passed Bethany, a third of the distance. From Bethulie a northward advance will possibly be made. Colonel Clements, who now comes to the front, is an officer of no small distinction, as he is entitled to write both D. S. O. and A.-D.-C., after his name. This means that, in addition to being a member of the much-coveted Distinguished Service Order, he is also one of the Queen's Aides-de-Camp. Although figuring in the Army List as a Colonel (with seniority of Dec. 2, 1896) this officer is at present a local Major-General. Col. Clements served for many years in the South Wales Borderers, and with this Regiment (then known as the 24th Foot) was all through the Zulu War of 1879. Consequently, he is not new to South Africa. On relinquishing the command of his battalion he was succeeded therein by Lieutenant-Colonel the Hon. U. de R. B. Resbe. Col. Clements gained his D. S. O., in Burma, in 1885-87.]

ENGLAND AND THE UNITED STATES.

Mr. Balfour, in the Commons, this evening, said that Lord Salisbury had thanked the United States Government for the friendly tone of their communication, which intimated that President McKinley would be glad in any friendly manner to aid in restoring peace, but Mr. Balfour added the Government does not propose to accept the intervention of any Power. This statement was followed by loud and prolonged cheers.

STATEMENT BY M. DELCASSE.

M. Delcasse, in the French Senate, said, that after Great Britain's public reply to President Kruger's telegram the Powers cannot intervene.

THE BRITISH CALLING IN ARMS FROM THE BURGHERS.

LONDON, MARCH 15.

General Pretyman who has been appointed Military Governor of Bloemfontein has issued a Proclamation requesting the Burghers within ten miles to deliver up their arms on pain of confiscation of their property.

THE TRANSVAALERS IRATE AT THE SURRENDER OF BLOEMFONTEIN.

It appears that the Transvaal Boers were furious at the people of Bloemfontein surrendering and threatened to bombard the town. Hence the enthusiasm of the inhabitants on the arrival of Lord Roberts.

CAPTURE OF RAILWAY PLANT.

Twenty-six locomotive engines and a considerable quantity of rolling-stock were captured at Bloemfontein.

GENERAL POLE-CAREW'S FORCE.

General Pole-Carew's force is travelling south by railway. Though the railway bridge at Bethulie is destroyed, the road bridge is intact through the gallantry of a party of the Cape Police, who maintained a hot fire, thus preventing the Boers from approaching and blowing up the bridge.

The main object of the columns converging in that quarter is to seize the Springfontein Junction, thus securing access to Bloemfontein by all the southern lines.

CRONJE'S RESISTANCE MURDER.

FOREIGN RECRUITS FOR THE BOER ARMY.

A Colombo telegram says :—The Australian papers to hand state that Cronje's original resistance to surrender is attributed to a preconcerted plan to occupy the British, and thus enable the Boers to concentrate and protect the approaches to Bloemfontein and Pretoria. The prisoners describe Cronje's resistance as murder.

The steamer Admiral has landed at Delagoa Bay 100 German recruits for the Transvaal, and the steamer Germonde has landed 150 more recruits of different nationalities.

The Austrian Count Sternberg and General Vondann were amongst those captured by Lord Roberts.

The *Times* urged that the presence of 5,000 prisoners at Capetown would be dangerous and suggested that they should be sent to St. Helena.

M. Rochefort has received many subscriptions for a sword of honour for Cronje.

THE MISSING TRANSPORT.

The steamer Fazilka, which left Durban for Colombo, on January 27th, and which was supposed to have been lost, was found 376 miles from Galle on the 12th instant by the steamer Oceana, which was coming from Australia. As the vessel had broken the tail of her shaft, the Oceana tried to tow her, but the cable snapped. The s. s. Hindu was despatched on Wednesday to bring in the disabled vessel, which was drifting in a south-easterly direction.

REJOICINGS AT PATIALA.

The news of the capture of Bloemfontein was received by the Maharajah of Patiala and the announcement to his guests at dinner was received with the greatest enthusiasm, cheers being given for Lord Roberts, who is a personal friend of the Maharajah.

The Maharajah also wired direct to Lord Roberts as follows :—"My hearty congratulations on your triumphant entry into Bloemfontein. I wish I could have been there to serve the Crown. My best wishes, however, attend the campaign. I am looking forward to your wire informing me of the British flag flying over Pretoria."

MAHOMEDAN THANKSGIVING.

At the Jumma Musjid a special prayer was offered by the order of the directors of the Jumma Musjid yesterday noon after the Juma prayer for the success of the British arms in the Transvaal and for the long life of Her Majesty the Queen-Empress of India, when several thousand Mahomedans were present, and amongst them were also the following directors :—Khan Saheb Abdool Latif Lunday, the Kazi of Bombay, Mahomed S. Khalil, Mahomed Joosuf Khatkhatay, M. A., Mahomed Ali Toongaykar, Bhau Mia Fakir, Fazloodin Chorgay, Abdool Latif Jeitaykar and Abdool Qadir Khatkhatay.

TOWN'S MEETING AT ALIBAG.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

ALIBAG, MARCH 15.

A large and influential meeting of the tradesmen, cartsmen and leading inhabitants of Alibag was held on Thursday, in Biwalkar's mandap, under the presidency of Mr. Laxaman Sadashiv Nine, pleader, when the following resolutions were passed :—To congratulate Government through the Collector on the British success in the Transvaal, to send an application to the Collector protesting against the proposal to increase the new municipal taxes, to forward a copy to the Commissioner, to his Excellency the Governor, and a deputation to wait upon the Collector. Great enthusiasm prevailed.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

HONG KONG BANK GUTTED AT PEKING.

The new premises of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank at Peking have been gutted by fire.

THE MAILS.

LONDON, MARCH 15.

The Bombay mails of the 3rd instant, arrived at Brindisi, to-day.

THE GOVERNOR'S TOUR.

INSPECTION OF FAMINE WORKS AT AHMEDABAD.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

AHMEDABAD, MARCH 16.

Lord Northcote, who was accompanied by Mr. Lely, the Commissioner, and Mr. Gibb, the Collector, inspected on Thursday the Dhuliakhot Poor-house. On his return he visited the Gujarat College, where he was received by Principal Davis, the college committee, the professors and students.

Yesterday morning Lord Northcote, accompanied by Messrs. Lely and Gibb, his Private Secretary, and the Executive Engineer, inspected the famine relief works at Makurba and Swikhej. In the evening a party was held at the Commissioner's bungalow, when a large number of Civil and Military officers were present. Last evening the Governor visited the cattle camp at Sabarmati.

THE SUPREME LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MARCH 16.

At the Legislative Council Meeting to-day the Hon. Mr. Raleigh presented the Select Committee's report on the Registration of Ships Bill and obtained leave to postpone its consideration for the present. The hon'ble member explained that it has been found that the measure proposed to make applicable to ships registered at Indian ports were not altogether suitable for vessels manned by lascars and Government thought the evil of postponement would be more than counterbalanced, if the result is to enable the understanding to be arrived at with the Home authorities, which will secure the adoption of the rules which are really suitable to the requirements of Indian vessels. Regarding the Press Messages Copyright Bill H. E. the Viceroy said that the Government had decided to withdraw this Bill and postpone its consideration to a later date. The raison d'etre of the measure was to protect newspapers from the theft of their telegrams, and the necessary antecedent to such legislation was a reasonable unanimity on the part of those in whose interests it is designed. The Home Member had hoped to reduce these differences by a modification made in the Select Committee, but the statements made in the agenda paper led him to doubt that there is no sufficient consensus of opinion to justify the Bill's passing into law. There were cases where the Government of India was justified in using its full power to put a measure through, but legislation which has been so frequently discussed and so frequently postponed as this could not be described as urgent. He would be the first to use this as reason for yet further postponement if it could be said that the protection of legitimate interests could be done without injury to others. Individual disagreements of those in favour of the measure also had weakened their collective force. The measure is now under the consideration of Parliament and would be better guided than by any Colonial experience. The Committee of the House of Lords had reported in favour of a similar measure and there was reason, therefore, to wait and see what was done by the British Parliament in the matter before taking action here. The second reason concerned the stimulus, it has been alleged, the protection that would be given to newspaper enterprise to India. Here he was sceptical as to the extent, while the opposition to the measure which included the whole of the Native Press was uniformly uncompromising. There were also two minor reasons for deciding on the postponement. The first of these was the desirability of having English experience in a matter like this which affected the enterprise of a purely Western origin, and analogous to which, therefore, newspapers are prevented from getting news by lack of protection. He thought on the contrary that the reduction in the cost of foreign messages would be more effectual in this direction. The Government of India had long been in favour of such a reduction and the despatch on the subject went home as long ago as May last. There had since been a good deal of correspondence on the subject and it was likely before long that negotiations would be undertaken, and that they would result in the material reduction in charges. This would entirely change the position of affairs and he anticipated a theme when a number of those desiring protection would be very large indeed. He preferred, under these circumstances, to wait until the mass of opinion was with them and before legislation would sooner pause and see what result the reduction of the cable rates would bring. The Council stands adjourned to the 21st instant, when the Budget will be introduced.

BOMBAY COMMAND ORDERS.

POONA, MARCH 16.

Under instructions received from the Army Head Quarters it is notified that Lieutenant-Colonel Smyth, D. S. O., Royal Garrison Artillery, has been transferred from the command of the Royal Artillery, Quetta, to that of the Mountain Batteries, Umballa.

Under instructions received from the War Office it is notified that Lieutenant Byron, 1st Battery Royal Field Artillery, is to proceed at once to South Africa on transfer to the 5th Divisional Ammunition Column, and Lieutenant Evans, 27th Battery Royal Field Artillery, is to proceed at once to South Africa, on transfer to the howitzer section of ammunition column corps troops. (These movements have been approved by the Government of India.)

Under instructions received from the Army Head Quarters, India, Major Steele 1st Battalion Wiltshire Regiment, and Major Moody, 1st Battalion East Kent Regiment, are directed to proceed to England and join the newly-raised battalion, which they have been respectively selected to command. They will travel at public expense.

Under instructions received from Army Head-quarters, India, Captain Walker, Royal Fusiliers, is directed to proceed to England and join the 4th Battalion, to which he has been posted on promotion, travelling at public expense.

Royal Army Medical Corps.—Under instructions from Army Head-quarters, India, Major Sparkes is detailed to proceed in charge of the invalids proceeding to England in the R. I. M. S. Clive, sailing on the 20th instant, and will return to India on completion of his duty.

With reference to Command Order No. 118 of 26th January, 1,900, the result of the competition prizes, at Camp Killod, Mhow, is as follows :—1st prize, 22nd Battery Royal Field Artillery ; and 2nd prize, 27th Battery Royal Field Artillery.

The undermentioned Officers have been permitted by the Secretary of State for India to return to duty :—Captain Foster, 28th Bombay Pioneers ; and Captain Tanner, 29th Bombay Infantry.

The undermentioned Officers are granted leave to proceed out of India, on medical certificate, under the leave rules for the Staff Corps, the leave to have effect in India from the date of being struck off duty till the date of sailing ; the specified period to count from the date of leaving India :—Captain Browne, Staff Corps, 2nd Squadron Commander, 3rd Bombay Light Cavalry, for one year, pension service, fifteenth year, commenced on 19th December, 1899 ; Captain Nurse, Staff Corps, Wing Commander, 13th Bombay Infantry, for one year, pension service, twentieth year, commenced on 23rd January, 1900 ; and Lieutenant Heale, Staff Corps, Wing Officer, 7th Bombay Infantry, for one year ; pension service, eighth year, commenced on 9th April, 1899.

The undermentioned Officer has been granted leave of absence:—Captain Trustcott (Inspector of Ordnance and Machinery Bombay) Army Ordnance Department, for six months, on medical certificate, out of India.

Extensions of leave has been granted to the following Officer and Warrant Officer :—Captain Bennett, Indian Medical Service, for six months, on medical certificate ; and Conductor Ketole, Commissariat Department, from 3rd to 7th January.

THE HANDICAP POLO TOURNAMENT.

The finals in the Handicap Polo Tournament was played before a large gathering of spectators. The game was between the A and E teams. At the commencement the play was very pretty and a considerable interest evinced. The match was won by the E team by 3 goals and 2 subsidiaries to 2 subsidiaries. The cup was presented to the winning team.

LORD NORTHCOTE AND FAMINE.

Lord Northcote placed Rs. 2,000 at the disposal of Mr. Snow, Commissioner of the Central Division, for distribution in the famine district of his division.

THE PLAGUE FRAUD CASE.

The trial against Ganesh Sakaram Phadkey, late head-clerk in the city chief plague office, who was charged under Sections 409 and 463, I. P. C., was concluded before the Honorable Mr. Aston, Sessions Judge and a jury. The case was heard for nearly one week. The charges against him were (1) criminal breach of trust, (2) forgery by getting his superior officer to sign a yadi, by which he induced the Municipal Secretary to send him Rs. 4,000. Having succeeded in securing the above amount the accused made another yadi amounting to Rs. 6,414 and out of this misappropriated Rs. 1,576. The accused got Captain Wilkins to sign the yadi which was in Mahrathi. The judge summed up the whole case to the jury and took nearly three hours. The jury then retired, and afterwards announced that they were not unanimous, and after retiring for a second time still held the same opinion. The majority of the jurors, 3 to 2, found the accused guilty on the first charge and not guilty of inducing the authorities to sign the memos. The judge reserved his sentence till to-morrow. The accused meanwhile was sent to jail.

TABLE TALK

BY WALTER BESANT.

LONDON, FEB. 24.

We are approaching the season of Lent. It is difficult to make out satisfactorily when the observance of fasting was allowed to drop out of general use. Before the Reformation no meat was allowed to be sold at all on fast days. For about a fourth part of the year the butchers' shops were closed by law, and that the most rigid law and the most sternly enforced of the whole code. I find that some relaxation was introduced with the Reformation, but I think that throughtout the whole reign of Elizabeth the butchers, shops were still closed in Lent. James tried to enforce the law of fasting, which the Puritans were ostentatiously beginning to neglect. Whether he was able to keep the butchers' shop shut I do not know. Certainly under the Commonwealth the observance of Lent was not countenanced. I suppose that during this time the working classes threw off the observance altogether, and have never since resumed it ; while the butchers, having begun to keep their shops open in Lent and on Fridays, continued to do so. One thing is quite obvious, that, for the rich man, what with salmon cod, turbot, red mullet, and other noble fish, with rich sauces, fasting was never any great privation ; while for the poor man fasting meant dried fish, stale herrings, and salt cod. It meant insufficient nourishment ; it meant work imperfectly carried on ; it meant skin diseases, and even leprosy. The continued quarrels of the Londoners with the fishmongers prove the misery of Lenten fare on dried fish.

In the good old times there was a Court official known as the King's Cock Crower. It seems a strange office. Why did the King require a Cock Crower ? And why could not the common barn-door variety serve His Majesty's purpose ? The reason, as you shall see, was that the barn-door variety cannot be depended upon for times and hours, and he has never been persuaded to observe Lent. Now, this was a pious custom and a religious duty. All through Lent the King's Cock Crower crowed, instead of calling, the hours of the night in the Palace. He began on Ash Wednesday, when he entered the hall in which the King's supper was served, and then crowed the hour in the presence of the Royal party. The meaning of the custom is obvious ; it was only one of the many ways in which the history of the Christian religion was brought home to the minds of people before the reading of the Gospel in the vernacular. The office was continued down to the year 1822. Did the Crower then die, or was he pensioned off ? If the officer were living still it would be interesting to ask him a few questions. Would he repeat the performance? Would he describe the ceremony as it was performed at the King's supper table ? Where did he crow during the night—within the palace or without ? How was he dressed, in what livery or in what guise ? Did he appear in the semblance of the bird, like a saper at the pantomime ? Did he carry a lanthorn like an ordinary watchman ? Was there something of the ecclesiastic about him ? Who appointed him ? Was there a competition in crowing ? Did the place go by favour even to an indifferent Crower ? How often did he crow ? Was it once for every hour ! Or did he crow twelve times for midnight and so on, indicating the hour ? I suppose there is nobody now living who can remember George IV.'s crower. Yet for a man of ninety it is possible.

In reading an article in the January number of the "Quarterly Review" I am informed of a charge, or a suggestion, which is much the same thing, against myself. It appears that one Melville, of whom I know nothing—probably not to know Mr. Melville is to be oneself unknown—has written what he calls a Life of Thackeray. According to the review of the book in the "Quarterly," which is far from favourable, he appears to have been personally unacquainted with Thackeray and with those who are near to him and still living. However, as I have not read the book, it would not concern me were it not for this passage in the "Review." It is as follows : "It seems also unnecessary to announce to 'Sir Walter Besant and many others' that Thackeray did not owe his knowledge 'of the manner of the Upper Ten to the position brought him by 'Vanity Fair,' and that there were other reasons ; his university friends . . . were all gentlemen of good social standing." So Mr. Melville has thought proper to inform me that Thackeray was a gentleman by birth and education. This information also informs other people than, some where or other I have asserted the contrary, and have maintained that Thackeray's social position was due entirely to the success of "Vanity Fair.' Now, in the name of Truth—with a capital T., just out of her well—what does Mr. Melville mean by this ? Where has he found this statement of mine ? At this moment I do not remember that I have ever written upon Thackeray at all. If I have it has been with the greatest humility and the respect due to the Master.

I read Thackeray long ago, in the fifties even. I learned then, from those who knew something about him, that he was a man of good family connected with the Indian Civil Service and born in India, and that he had been all his life associated with the gentlefolk to whom he belonged. How can one put a stop to this kind of impudent suggestion ? You see, it is a small thing ; but Thackeray has many friends living still. With what disgust would they hear that anyone had ignorantly and presumptuously gone out of the way to suggest or to assert that Thackeray was not the English gentleman whose obligations he never forgot ? "Many literary men," said an old friend of mine, the late biographer of Coleridge, "in Thackeray's time may have sat in their shirt sleeves. Thackeray always kept his coat on." A simple allegory, yet twill serve. And, again, how is one to protect oneself against pin prickings of this kind ? I hope that no one will invite me to review the book of Mr. Melville. I have been haranguing of late, and not without cause, on the duty of courtesy in criticism. Let me not be led into temptation.

Here is a story for the comfort and the strengthening of total abstainers. I am sure they want all the comfort they can get. I believe that I have told this story before, but it must be a long time ago. It is the lamentable history of a drunkard. The only got drunk six times in a tolerably long life, yet on each occasion the results were disastrous, even ruinous. The misfortune was that at every one of what we call the supreme moments of his life—there are only half a dozen such in seventy years—this unhappy person was constrained to allay the excitement of his brain with the juice of his grape, or the gift of John Barleycorn, or the vintage of the still. The first time was at school. He was captain, he was expecting to be nominated to a scholarship, he was greatly excited at the prospect, he took champagne, and while in the condition consequent he met the head master. He therefore went up to the university without a scholarship. Still, he was a good scholar and was perfectly certain of a First Class. On the night before the examination he was excited and anxious. Unfortunately, he endeavoured to calm his nerves with whisky ; more unfortunately, he miscalculated the dose. The consequence in the morning was a head—oh ! such a head !—and hot coppers. So he only got a Third with the reputation of one who would have been a First if he had not got drunk. This is not a desirable reputation. However, he went to London and became a journalist. For a long time he remained quite sober and steady, yet with that evil repute clinging to his name. Then came a time when an editor was wanted for an important paper. He knew that he was named, among others ; he learned that he was one of the first in the running ; he became greatly excited over it. . . . The rest you can guess. In the morning, being a wreck, he was received by the proprietors, and lost his chance. He seems to have lived down this misfortune, for he found a young and quite desirable person of the other sex, who accepted him as her "fiance." On the eve of the happy day, being greatly agitated, he once more administered an over dose of the fatal anodyne. He was discovered by the bride's papa in a condition which admitted of no doubt. "They sent her," he told me with a sigh, "to the Grand Canary to restore her spirits. There she married a maker of glue in a large way. No one sent me anywhere except to Coventry." The fifth case was when he had to give evidence in a law suit affecting his own interests. The evening before —but the tale becomes monotonous. In the morning he mounted the witness box and made an Object of himself. The last occasion was on his sixtieth birthday. It is a terrible anniversary. I feel every sort of sympathy with him. He drowned his sorrows at the club ; walked home in a cold rain, took to his bed and succumbed to pneumonia. Now I submit that this is a very fine Temperance prize story, with a most noble moral. Many men are ruined by drink ; their's is one ruin ; true, it is generally complete. This man was six times ruined and each time his ruin was complete.

A correspondent writes : "I am most interested in the third paragraph of your 'Voice' in the "Queen" of Feb. 3rd—it was a paragraph on the inclosure of commons. "Commons and paths are even now being absorbed, and no one likes to fight a powerful neighbour. Can you advocate an Act requiring Parish Councils to make a Terrier of their commons and paths ? Roads are being encroached upon. Would it be possible to say that as the roads are on the 25-inch Ordnance Survey, so they must remain? Diversions of Footpaths come before us every two or three years, and there is no one to fight their battles here except myself. Let wrong diversions be made impossible, unless the Local Government Board is satisfied that the change is for the good of the community. Paths across fields are wantonly ploughed up. Why not make this also illegal ?'

This is quite right. Let me, however, tell the story of Hampstead. Twenty years ago it was still a rural suburb, with fields and footpaths all about, and large houses with stately gardens. Then building began ; most of the gardens were sold ; roads were cut through them ; the fields were laid out in roads ; and the builders, of course—which is their little way—began to disregard and to close up the footpaths. A few of the Hampstead people formed a little association ; they went about putting up posts at the entrance of the footpaths, warning off builders and encroachers. The consequence is that, though the fields have disappeared, the footpaths, remain, and Hampstead is still a delightful labyrinth. So much so, indeed, that, according to the tradition, another Penelope once kept her suitors waiting with the promise to accept the first who could find his way about the Hampstead lanes. One after the other they retired baffled. Presently the Only One, the Long Expected, came home. He knew the lanes well, and he led his rivals into the heart of them and then left them, so that they wandered about seeking the way out and miserably perished. If my correspondent would only organise an association and stick up notices on posts ! As for the Act, I fear that it is so short, so easy, so useful, and so much outside party lines, that it is quite useless to expect it or to ask for it.

I have had letters, I have had messages, from many persons speaking in kindly terms of my late article on Rudyard Kipling. These are private communications. Publicly my position has been misrepresented. That, of course, I expected. It has been said that I deny the right of criticism ; that I want criticism to be all praise, with other distortions and misrepresentations. My position is simply this. Criticism is absolutely necessary for all kinds of work. The politician is criticised daily ; the artist has to run the gauntlet of the art critic ; the dramatist, the composer, the violinist, the architect—everybody. The more criticism we have—of the right kind—the better. But it must be true criticism ; it must not be blackguard calling of names, nor gibing nor sneering it ; must be judgment by a competent judge, calm and unbiassed. As an example of the uselessness and the mischief of calling names remember the harm that the Irish did to their own cause ten years ago—how they alienated their friends by the abuse they hurled at Balfour, who went on his way regardless. And as an example of the need of real criticism we have only to consider the preaching in the Church of England. Can we believe that the standard of preaching could have fallen so low had there been a healthy criticism on sermon and delivery ? I ask, also, for courtesy in criticism ; the judge should be a gentleman ; there may be as much wit, satire, condemnation in courteous criticism as in abuse. As I asked the other day, where are the successors of Matthew Arnold ? The editor of the "Contemporary," since he admits a second article on the subject by the original offender, who called Rudyard Kipling a Hooligan, clearly ranges himself on the side of the bludgeon. This is a great pity. If the example were followed by other leading magazines it would be disastrous. But I believe that it will not be so followed.

Let me next invite attention to an example of the kind of criticism which the editor of the "Contemporary" admits into his pages by way of answer to my protest. You all remember the time—it is a year since—when Rudyard Kipling lay apparently on his death bed with his dead child beside him. You all remember how the telegrams poured in by thousands from all parts of the world—telegrams of anxiety, of affection, of sympathy. Now read the criticism, the kindly feeling, the courteous manners that are permitted on that event, after my protest in favour of courtesy, not before—a protest which has been approved by everyone who has spoken to me on the subject. Here are the words : "Sir W. B. avers that I have no right to speak of these things"—Not so ; every man has the right to hold and to express his opinion, but with the restraint of good manners—"because"—now read attentively—"they concern the prestige and the pocket on one who, with a publisher on each side of him (like the bishop on each side of Richard in the play), lately cried aloud for, and obtained, the sympathy of two Continents." In other words, the sympathy of the English speaking race for the poet and the story teller was not spontaneous ; it was a "put up" thing ; it was "worked" by the sick man himself, "with a publisher on each side." What further proof can we desire of the need for courtesy and good manners in criticism than the above passage ?

CYCLING AT HOME.

LONDON, FEB. 23.

One of the most important legal decisions of modern times, so far as the cycle trade is concerned has recently been arrived at in Ireland. Possibly readers may remember the case of Wilkinson and the Rover Company, wherein the plaintiff recovered from the Rover Company, damages for a machine having gone wrong years after purchase, not under any guarantee of the Company, for the machine was apparently sold by an agent, without guarantee, but apparently could be found ready equipped with a system of motor buses, just now, to fill the breach that has been made in the equine traffic, it might, by furnishing a quick comfortable and inexpensive service establish such a hold upon popular favour, that when the piping times of peace return, and bus companies seek to resume work under normal conditions, they might find a system of horseless 'buses firmly established. But manufacturers are slow and timorous, and meanwhile the golden opportunities are slipping by.

All the portents show that the cheap cycle will still be a feature of the cycle season of 1900. The futile attempt of the manufacturers to form a federation to raise the prices all round there were not reasonable grounds for a course and financial greed could not be said to beat the bottom of the movement, was however doomed to failure immediately two firms, which have built up their reputation upon the cheap machine, stood out. The want of cohesion in the trade was lamentably evidence and even those who attended to support the resolutions appeared to do so, with one or two exceptions, in a like-warm and half-hearted manner. Once again, the public will see the old pelo-mundy policy in vogue and it will be a struggle for existence with the survival of the fittest as the ultimate result.

When this month is out the cyclist who cycles solely for pleasure and does not care to sally forth when snow frost togs and floods abound will begin to put his machine in order and look forward to the long irresponsible days a-wheel. For the robust and ardent winter riding with the assaults of *such forces* buffeting one's cheeks and the generally disconsolate and abandoned air which nature wears during winter may be all very well for those who like it. A French proverb says that Each takes his pleasure where he finds it"—and the Spartan natures who like these things are welcome to them. But to those who hate the winter and love the warmth of the sun what can equal the white sun scorched road with its almost blinding glare with the chalk-dust on every hedge-row and the lazy song going which the smell of warm oil in the bearings the rhymthical click of the dropping balls and the whirr of the tyre on the dust-strewn roads conveys.

How ardently one longs for the spring-time, and how tempting are the few visions of its joys—a sort of forecast—which occasionally visit us, even in February. We have had such days lately, when the skies were really blue, and the sun was really warm. Only the heavy muddy roads and the prevalence of overcoats and winter wraps dispelled the illusion that spring was here. How idle it is to talk of a decline in cycling. Cycling will never decline until the love of communing with nature face to face, which is inborn in us is dead. Who does not care for the sense of liberty which one only feels a-wheel when one may wander in the direction of whatever point of the compass one's fancy leads ? So long as these aspirations are part of human nature so long will cycling endure and—flourish.

BYCULLA CLUB GYMKHANA.

Yesterday afternoon the annual gymkhana meeting of the Byculla Club was held in the Club grounds. There was a very pleasant gathering and the various events on the programme, which were all ladies' nominations, created a great deal of interest and amusement. The most entertaining events were the Sold Again Stakes, the Kruger Smash Stakes and the Menagerie Stakes, each of which caused great merriment. During the afternoon the Band of the 21st Bombay Infantry played interesting music. The officials of the meeting were :—Stewards, Major R. Broome, Mr. F. O. Allan, Mr. F. S. H. Baldrey, Mr. W. C. Paleologus, Captain P. H. Rogers, Mr O. Boileau, honorary secretary Mr. F. D. Hunt ; judge Major R. Broome, starter Mr. C. Boileau, clerk of the scales, Captain P. H. Rogers. Details :—

The Stiff'un Stakes.—For Arabs and countrybreds, 14 hands and under, that have never started for a race value Rs. 199 or over, and that have never won a race value Rs. 49 or over. Weight—13·3 and under. Catch-weights, 11 stone, over 13·3 and under Catch-weights, 11 st. 12 lbs. Distance—Twice round the Course.

Miss Moore nominates Mr Baldrey's bl a p Engine	1
Miss Russell nominates Mr Crum's	2
Mrs Boileau nominates Capt Boileau's ch a p Orange ...	0
Miss R Bean nominates Mr Graham's ch a p Viking ...	0
Miss Bean nominates Mr Courage's gr a p Cypress.....	0
Mrs Aitken nominates Mr Greig's G M A Searcrow ...	0

Good Race ; won by half a length. Length and a half between second and third.

The Grumblers' Plate.—For Arabs and Countrybreds, 14 hands and under, that have never won a race value Rs. 49 or over. Riders to be decided by lot, but no rider to ride his own entry. Last in to win. Owner of last horse and the rider of first horse to be given a prize. Weight—Catchweights.

In this event there were six entries. The first horse past the post was Mr. Baldrey's Engine, ridden by Captain Winter and nominated by Miss Anderson. The last pony in was Captain Boileau's Citron, ridden by Captain Peile, and nominated by Mrs. Boileau. The distance was once round the course.

Sold Again Stakes.—Gentleman to ride round the course left handed, dismount, leave pony with syce, jump a rail without help of hands, dive through a paper screen, present sum to lady who will add up, sign and return, gentleman will come back through screen, go as you please over the jump, remount and ride back right handed to winning post.

Mrs Schofield nominates Mr Paleologus	1
Miss Bean nominates Mr Baldrey	2
Mrs Boileau nominates Capt Boileau.....	0
Miss R Bean nominates Mr Courage.....	0
Mrs Aitken nominates Capt Greville	0
Mrs Ogilvie nominates Capt Peile	0

In this race Mr. Paleologus led all the way to the screen. He was first away with the completed sum, but in riding for home was beaten by Captain Greville who came in first, well ahead. Captain Greville was, however, disqualified for failing to take the jump, and Mr. Paleologus was placed first.

The Kruger Smash Stakes.—To be ridden by gentlemen in couples in costume, one in female attire from a given point to a flag which will represent Pretoria, where Kruger will be sitting smoking his pipe. The lady partner will dismount and be furnished with certain missiles with which she will knock off Kruger's pipe. When done she will remount and ride back to starting post with her partner. Best time to win. Prize will be given for the best costumed pair.

Miss Remington nominates Mr D Graham & Mr Crum.	1
Mrs Schofield nominates Mr Paleologus and Mr Baldrey	0
Miss Macpherson nominates Mr Rogers and Mr Lillie...	0

The chief fun of this race was the smashing of Kruger, or rather of his pipe. Mr. Crum managed this in three tries, but Mr. Baldrey only managed it by a fluke after many attempts, while the gentleman who personated the lady in the Rogers-Lillie combination ultimately gave it up in despair. The difficulty of dealing with Kruger caused great hilarity. Oom Paul was represented by an effigy similar to that which was so successful as an attraction at the Famine Fete.

The Menagerie Stakes.—Competitors to furnish themselves with any sort of live animal or bird (except horses, donkeys, dogs, or mules) and drive the same from the fall of the flag to the winning post—the first past the post wins.

Miss Bean nominates Mr Binning's Goat.....	1
Mrs Boileau nominates Capt Boileau's Sheweald C H Goat	2
Mrs R Bean nominates Mr Baldrey's Sarus	0
Miss Bean nominates Mr C Courage's Dim Gazelle.....	0
Mrs Schofield nominates Mr Paleologus' Bay Gulf Crane	0
Mrs Bonanquet ... Goat.....	0

This event was run in heats and in the final Mr. Binning's goat and Captain Boileau's ran a dead-heat. In running off Mr. Binning's animal won easily. The race caused much amusement.

THE PORBANDAR ADMINISTRATION AND THE PRINCE BHAVSINHJI.

H. H. the Rana Saheb, the only royal octogenarian on this side of Gujerat, has been suffering from a lingering illness for some time past. His strict regularity of habits in other ways have rendered his system entirely alien to any sort of drug, Native or English. Hence he is ever loath to take medicine. But the admirable tact of Dr. Deva, our late popular medical officer, has been thoroughly successful in overcoming the life-long scruples of the old Rana Saheb. He was, therefore, specially wired down from Sangli to treat his royal patient.

Speculation has of late been exercising the public mind as to what attitude the Government will assume towards the Porbandar State on the demise of the old king.

Some advance that the present arrangement of the British administration will be continued for some long indefinite time. Others with an inexcusable show of authority maintain that the heir-apparent Prince Bhavsinhji will be made a joint administrator with an English officer. Some venture to assert that the young Prince will be enthroned on condition that he parts with the jurisdiction of the Bandar to the Government. A fourth school of speculation holds with equal confidence that the heir-apparent will be invested with full powers, but he will be liable to the check of a Dewan of the Government's choosing. Others opine that the investiture will be full and unconditional.

These are the various aspects of speculation. I shall try to discuss the soundness of each theory. We fail to understand, on what possible grounds, the present arrangement can be continued. There is not the least reason—not the smallest shred of pretence—for such a continuance. The causes which brought about the British administration surely cannot survive the British rule by British officers for a long period of fifteen years. Order should have been evolved, some sort of system introduced, and the administration of the country put on a sound basis. To those who hold this opinion we say that it has ever been a matter of surprise why the old Rana Saheb should not have been reinstated after the thorough organizing of the State on British principles. Perhaps the Government were afraid lest the Rana Saheb might mar what they had so carefully and laboriously mended. No fear can be more groundless, because he is too shrewd to revert to the old system, and because his memory is too retentive to forget the punishment inflicted upon him for not adjusting his mode of governing to the spirit of the times.

But whatever opinion the Government might have held regarding the old man, they have certainly no grounds to assume that the heir-apparent will not rise to the sense of the sacred and important mission of studying the welfare of seventy-five thousand souls. It might, perhaps, be urged that we had glimpses of the future man through the wildness of the Chafe gave a pleasant reading of "When de Lights am all turned down" and was well assisted by the chorus, after which Sergt. Carter convulsed the audience with a rollicking rendering of "I couldn't help but laugh," the circle taking up the chorus and going into apparent paroxysms of laughter. In response to loud cries for an encore the last verse was repeated. The first part of the programme concluded with the singing of the lullaby, "Go bye-bye" by Mr. Bell which advice was literally followed with yawns and simulated sleep.

After an interval the band opened Part II, with a rousing selection "Conviviality," after which S. Grist danced the sailor's hornpipe, retiring amidst a tempest of applause. After a brief interval the curtain rose on the new two-act musical burlesque entitled 'Blue-Eyed Susan." Smart songs, sparkling dialogue, spirited acting were the three characteristics of the presentment which kept the audience in a continual roar from start to finish.

LADY NORTHCOTE AT THE ST. MARY'S COLLEGE.

Her Excellency Lady Northcote, attended by Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Owen, Military Secretary to Lord Northcote, paid a visit to the St. Mary's College, at Mazagon, last evening. Her Excellency arrived at half-past 4 o'clock and was received at the entrance by the Most Rev. Th. Dalhoff, S. J., Archbishop of Bombay, the Rev. J. Weingartner, S. J., the Rector of the College, the Rev. Brother Haggan, and other members of the staff of the College. The cadets of the College, numbering eighty-nine, lined the avenue and afterwards formed up in a company in the rear compound of the buildings, where they received her Excellency with a general salute, the band of the College playing appropriate tunes. Lady Northcote was conducted to the southern verandah, where seats had been provided. After her Excellency had taken her seat, Master Frauld Elliot stepped forward and read a poetical address of welcome.

Her Excellency in reply thanked the students for the address, which, she said was very charming. Two students, named Gis eno Giacchetti and Charles Teffeit, presented her Ladyship with superb bouquets, which compliment she graciously acknowledged. Her Excellency was then conducted through the College buildings as well as the church, the band under Father Shaffer playing selections of music at intervals. At the close of the inspection her Excellency returned to the verandah, where students between ten and twelve years of age, went through Indian club exercises and the musical maze, in a style, which did credit to the instructor Mr. Seel. Before leaving the College Lady Northcote expressed her great pleasure at the performances of the children and asked the Rector to give them a holiday. On her Excellency leaving the Institution

RAILWAY TRAVELLERS' GRIEVANCES.

THE following letter has been addressed to the General Traffic Manager of the B. B. & C. I. Railway :—

Santa Cruz, March 15.

To the General Traffic Manager, B. B. & C. I. Railway Company.

SIR,—I beg to bring to your notice the inconveniences, annoyances and ill-treatment passengers travelling daily in your Company's local trains suffer at present with great and admirable patience, to which there is, however, a limit. You are no doubt aware of the unprecedented influx of people who have found an asylum in the suburban towns of Bombay invariably in the Thana District, to avoid the consequences of the epidemic diseases in the City of Bombay. There are several thousands of families at present residing in different localities at great personal discomfort and heavy sacrifices for the safety of their lives. Mostly the Bombay public, which has thus migrated, is ordinarily not rich, yet they travel as second passengers, to save themselves from the effect of overcrowdedness and the risks of infection and contagion. Yet their treatment by your Company, tends to aggravate the dangers of these evils in a less or more degree, under the following circumstances :—

(1). The railway rule is that more than ten passengers should not be made to occupy a second class compartment. In the morning and evening fast trains, however, as a matter of fact, eighteen persons with their heavy luggage travel generally in it in these hours. They hardly have time to put their luggage in the brake and there are not sufficient number of second class carriages to accommodate all passengers, intending to travel by these trains. They, therefore, suffer inconvenience and are put to stand rather than lose the train, especially as few trains run to Borivli and intermediate stations after Bandora. But why should passengers, who incur cost and loss of time to secure a seat, go to a long distance out of the ways viz., to the Colaba and Churni Gate Stations, suffer and run risks for the sake of other public and allow the Company to dreadfully exceed the allowed number. When complaints are made, the Company's officers invariably plead their inability to afford any relief and do not even ask the extra number to get out of those carriages and immediately provide for them other accommodation.

2. There ought to be in the morning and afternoon of a Sunday an additional train. This will prevent crramming in the noon train, so dangerous to life as the hot season has set in in right earnest.

3. There should be a fast train arriving at Borivli at midnight or so and then returning to Grant Road, stopping at intermediate stations as far as Bandora only.

4. The platfrom of the Matunga station should be raised to the usual level to prevent old men and women for the impending risk of a heavy fall. To avoid this, they generally alight at Mahim or Dadar stations.

5. The urgent necessity of the guard in charge of the train to carefully see that the passengers at the station have got in the train before the signal for a start is vouchsafed. There are other grievances of the travelling public by your line, such as, to allow servants of passengers to whom monthly passes may be issued on small fees on the platform when there are no Company's porters or licensed carriers specially retained for service. This will facilitate alighting and prevent detention of trains from running atproper time and do away with sometime fast trains running faster than allowed by the Company's rules to avoid explanation of detention &c. There is another demand made by third class passengers not only of disallowing excess in overcrowding, but of preventing with a strong hand dry and fresh fish and meat dealers and butchers with their baskets and other disgreeable, loathsome and diseased persons from travelling in the same compartment with them. Formerly such persons were separately accommodated and were prohibited from using benches kept on the station platforms for sitting until the arrival of the trains. Many other inconveniences may be cited and multiplied. I do not, however wish to mention them here for the present. I sincerely trust and anxiously beg you to inquire into the matters as protectors of human lives, property, health and conveniences, and their interest is the Company's interest, an undisputable fact that should always be borne in mind. Additional experimental trains may be run between Borivli, Andheri or Santa Cruz for a month at least.—Yours, &c.,

B. B. PITALE.

ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY.

BOMBAY BRANCH.

A MEETING of the Society was held on Thursday Dr. J. Gerson da Cunha, one of the vice-presidents in the chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. Jivanji Jamshedji Modi read a paper on a new medal of King Behram Gour (Behram V) of Persia.

The following is an abstract of the paper :—A new medal of King Behram Gour. The medal belonged to Mr. J. H. Robinson of Bombay, who said that it was found in Persia. It was a bronze medal, weighing in 4 tolas and 42 grams. On the adverse was the buss of a king, in the front of which was a dragon, and below which was an animal running in full speed. On the reverse was the figure of a young man wearing a crown. He was all armed. In the front there were three rows of animals. In the first top-row there was the figure of a female animal with a young suckling. The features of the face and the head-dress and other particulars indicated that it was a Persian medal of Sassanian times. The position of the crescent, globe and star indicated on comparison with medal 51 of Plate VIII. of "Longperiers Essai sur les Medailles des Ross Perses de la Dynastie Sassanide," that it was a medal of Behram V. As to the animals on the adverse—the dragon and another animal—we find from Firdusi that there were two adventures of King Behram Gour with dragons. It is to the second adventure in India, in the Court of King Shangel, that the medal refers. The animals on the reverse refer to a chase-scene of Behram at the time of his youth when he was under the tutelage of Mouthir, King of Arabia. All the figures lead to indicate that the new medal belonged to King Behram Gour.

Mr. Rajaram Ramkrishna Bhagwat then read extracts from a lengthy paper he has contributed to the Society, entitled "Sanhita of the Rig-Veda Searched."

On the proposition or Mr. K. R. Cama a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Modi and Mr. Bhagwat for the papers they had read.

KATHIAWAR NOTES.

OUR correspondent, writing from Rajkote, on Wednesday, says :—It is likely that during his short tour in the famine-affected districts H.E. the Governor will visit Palanpur on the 17th instant, where the relief works are carried on on a very high scale.—The health of Rao Bahadur Dubabhji H. Ved, Chief Minister of Palanpur, has much improved and he resumed his duties on the first week of this month after afew weeks arest and stay in Ahmedabad.—The death of Mr. Bhawanidas Govindji, companion to the heir-apparent of Porebunder has deprived the Prince of his valuable services and advice. The deceased was a keen sportsman and a man of strict principles, and the Kumar owes his present improvements largely to Mr. Bhawanidas.—H. H. the Thakore Saheb of Gondal has remitted a fourth of the revenue assessment leviable from the cultivators and decided to collect the remaining three-fourths in three instalments next year.—Azam Narsinhprasad Hariprasad, a well-known Nagar gentleman of Junagurh, who had served the British Agencies in the early sixties and had filled high posts in the Junagurh State for a number of years, died last week, at the age of 73.

The deceased was a philosopher and was held in high esteem by the successive rulers of the State. His funeral was very largely attended.—Col. Hunter, Political Agent, visited the several streets of Rajkote where the poor and famine-stricken generally take shelter and made the necessary inquiries. It is understood that the Thakore Saheb of Salia has selected Mr. Maganlal Laxmishanker, Huzour Sheristedar, Gondal State, as his Karbhari. Mr. Maganlal, who was originally servant of the Agency, has been a competent and useful hand, and it is to be wished that the Salia State will much benefit by his sound counsel and administration.—Captain Wodehouse, Assistant Political Agent, Halar, left for Malia yesterday.—The appeal of Mr. Hawes, pleader, and Mr. Velabhdas, translator, against the order of the Political Agent, depriving them of their licenses to practice in the courts of the Agency, are, it is believed, now before Government whose decision in the matter (of depriving sanads for drafting appeals to Government, in what are considered prejudicial cases) is awaited by the local bar and public with interest.—We have intense heat during the day. The nights are cool.—Mr. Haridas V. Vohra, a High Court pleader, who lost his two sons (one of them a barrister) during the past four months, has another death in his family. His daughter, aged about 24, died yesterday of consumption. General sympathy is felt for the gentleman in his bereavement.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m., yesterday, give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	4	3	12
B Mandvi, Chakala, Umarkhadi and Dongri	17	6	56
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Khumbharwada	55	11	63
D Khetwady, Girgaum, Chowpatty, Walkeshwar and Malabar Hill	12	6	27
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	27	7	81
F Parel, Sewri and Sion	11	12	28
G Mahim and Worli	6	7	19
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-resident and unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	43	59
Total	132	95	345
Total plague deaths to date	68,422	59,082	
Same date last year	178	145	320
Small-pox	46	21	
Cholera	5	0	

THE TAPTI VALLEY RAILWAY.

MESSRS. KILLICK NIXON and Co., agents of the above line, write to us :—It will be of interest to your many readers to know that the Tapti Valley Railway is now an accomplished fact and that the first through passenger train left Amalner for Surat at 6-25 on Thursday.

BEAUTY AND HYGIENE.

FOR health, beauty, and luxury, use the Albion Milk and Sulphur Soap, which Lady Constance Howard writes, is pleasant to use, and whitens and softens the skin." Also "Testimonials from Countess Bathurst, Countess Clanwilliam, Viscountess Exmouth, Lady Dorothy Nevill, and many others. Delicately perfumed. Warning. When buying the Albion Milk and Sulphur Soap, see that "Albion" and Sphinx head of "Albion" are on the wrapper. Sold by all Chemists, Grocers, &c.

SMOKE "RICHMOND GEM."—Cigarettes in round air-tight tins of 50, of all Tobacconists.

INDIAN CROP PROSPECTS.

SUGARCANE.

FINAL general memorandum on the Sugarcane crop of the season 1899-1900 :—

In Northern and Southern India alike the season commenced well for the sugarcane crop, and the area planted was larger than in 1898 and approximately equal to the average. The conditions, however, changed for the worse as the season advanced, and the crop was seriously injured in most places by the failure of rain. The injury was very serious in the Panjab, where at least one-third of the crop was lost; in the North-Western Provinces also the crop is estimated at only 62 per cent; but it is better in Bengal and Madras, and in those provinces from 83 to 87 per cent. of an average crop is expected. The yield in the three provinces in which an estimate has been formed of the actual quantity is as follows, in tons :

	1898-99	1899-1900.
Bengal	871,435	794,895
North-Western Provinces and Oudh	1,394,799	838,885
Punjab	...	195,731

Considering all the conditions it seems clear that it is far too early yet to form any definite conclusions as to the effects of the countervailing duties on imported beet sugar. Imports have certainly fallen off, though not very largely, and most of the reduction is in the trade in Bombay, where the combination of heavy stocks from last year and a reduction in the purchasing power of the people may account for most of the decline.

PROVINCIAL SUMMARIES.

In Bengal the season was generally favourable to the crop at the beginning, but excessive rain in some parts, in August, September, and October, appears to have adversely affected prospects, while, in a few places, the crop appears to have been injured by the absence of seasonable rainfall and by insects.

The area under sugarcane this year is estimated at 850,200 acres against 861,100 acres cultivated last year, the normal area being supposed to be about 894,000 acres.

It is now estimated that the actual yield of the sugarcane crop may be taken at 84 per cent. of a normal crop, meaning a gross yield in *gur* or raw sugar of 15,896,500 cwts, against 17,424,700 cwts, produced last year.

In the North-Western Provinces and Oudh the season was favourable to the sugarcane crop until the autumn rains set in; but the excessive rainfall of June and July seriously injured it, and further injury was caused by the scanty rainfall of the succeeding months. Slight injury from insects has also been reported from several districts.

The area under sugarcane in the famine year 1897-98, amounted to 1,148,699 acres which was smaller by about 65,0.0 acres than the area of the preceding year. In 1898-99 the area increased to 1,227,881 acres or by 79,782 acres. In the present year there has been a further rise of 35,393 acres or about 3 per cent, the area now amounting to 1,263,279 acres which is almost the same as the average area of the preceding five years and 2 3-4 per cent. in excess of the ten years' average.

Since the first forecast was issued in August the prospects of the crop have deteriorated. In that month the condition for the province taken as a whole was reported at 80 per cent of the normal. This has now been reduced to 62 per cent, against 87 per cent. last year. The crop is worked up in various forms; but for comparative statistical purposes the yield of the whole may be conveniently calculated on the assumption that it is converted into the form of raw sugar known as *gur* and so stated the yield is estimated at 22,830,000 maunds against 32,797,000 maunds last year, being a decrease of approximately ten million maunds (say 366,000 tons) or over 30 per cent.

In the Panjab the area under sugarcane is reported to be 361,500 acres. But the yield of *gur* and unrefined sugar will be very much below the normal. The unfavourable weather conditions affected even that portion of the crop grown on irrigated lands, and the cane grown on unirrigated land was practically a failure. The crop throughout the province except in the Peshawar district, was stunted in growth and deficient in juice, while owing to the great scarcity of fodder, the cane has been used entirely or very largely in many districts as cattle-food. The yield in raw sugar, if the cane had not been so extensively given to cattle for food, might have been about 197,000 tons, but this quantity should be reduced by at least one-third, and the local authorities estimate the actual yield at about 131,000 tons of *gur*. The local report adds : "It is reported from the Gurdaspur district that thirteen native refineries have been reopened or freshly started in consequence of the imposition of countervailing sugar duties. But owing to the exceptional character of the harvest it is too soon yet to say that the duty has given any appreciable stimulus to the sugar refining industry in the Punjab."

In Madras the area under sugar is about 54,400 acres, being an increase of about 20 per cent. on the area planted in 1898 and a little more than what is considered to be the normal area. After the first report in September the weather in many places became unfavourable, and some of the crop suffered from want of water, especially in the Circars. On the whole a yield of 83 per cent of the normal production from the area stated may be expected. The local authorities, however, state their inability to express in concrete terms the quantity which the "normal production" represents.

RICE.

Final general memorandum on the Rice Crop of the season 1899-1900.—The particulars given below supplement and complete the information contained in the second general memorandum issued on the 28th December 1899. It now appears that approximately 33 million acres were placed under rice, this area being a little smaller than that which was sown in 1898, but more than the average. The yield is estimated at about 23,345,000 tons. This is also smaller than the yield obtained last year, the crop in Madras having suffered seriously from the unfavourable conditions of the season. In Bengal also the return from the autumn rice left much to be desired. In Burma, however, the crop is quite excellent, largely exceeding the averags and that of last year.

The figures below state (in cwt) the quantity of rice, husked and unhusked, exported to foreign countries in recent years :—

	Burma.	Bengal.	Madras.	Bombay and Sind.	Total.
1894-95	22,899,857	7,934,319	2,105,163	1,382,256	34,301,595
1895-96	24,634,982	7,961,784	1,595,112	959,908	35,151,786
1896-97	19,378,594	5,096,011	2,982,463	847,329	28,274,337
1897-98	38,170,512	4,950,534	2,790,573	814,910	26,746,561
1898-99	25,968,896	8,735,751	1,751,646	1,484,993	37,942,286
1899-1900 (10 months)	13,980,679	6,022,851	1,731,491	570,417	22,354,371

The exports were restricted in 1896-97 and 1897-98 by the high level of prices and the diversion of Burma rice to the famine tracts in India; the same causes are now operating in restriction of the export trade in the present year.

PROVINCIAL SUMMARIES.

In Burma the area sown in the fourteen principal rice growing districts is estimated to be 6,040,657 acres, and the crop on the whole is above the average.

The surplus available for export is now estimated to be 2,052,000 tons of cargo rice, equivalent to approximately 35 million cwts of cleaned rice.

In Madras the area sown to the end of January is reported to be 5,092,500 acres, being 6 1-3 per cent. less than the area sown last year (which was, however, exceptionally large), and only 2 per cent. less than the average of the preceding five years. It is explained by the reporting officers that more than a million acres is usually brought on the record after the reports on which the forecast is based are made up, and, as planting goes on until quite late in the year if water-supplies permit, no very accurate forecast for the final statement is possible. It is also explained that though these reports relate only to Government villages, they include far more than the proportionate area of the whole crop of rice grown in the Presidency, as the bulk of the area irrigated from the great irrigation works is raiyatwari, not zamindari land.

It is estimated that the average yield will be only about two-thirds of the normal. Much of the crop that was still standing when the reports were made was in poor condition and water was failing.

The yield is estimated to amount to about 1,940,000 tons of cleaned rice, which is about 30 per cent less than what may be regarded as a normal crop and 29 per cent. less than the estimated yield last year.

OILSEEDS.

Second general memorandum on the Oilseeds Crop of the season 1899-1900 :—

The remarks made with reference to wheat may be taken to apply equally to the important crops of linseed and rapeseed. In Bengal alone is a yield expected of 84 per cent. of the average. In the North-Western Provinces the conditions are not so good, and there a yield of from 75 to 80 per cent is expected. In the Punjab the condition of the crop is very bad, and in Central and Western India it is hardly an exaggeration to say that there is practically no crop.

PROVINCIAL SUMMARIES.

In the first forecast of the rapeseed crop in the Punjab the area sown to the end of November was estimated at 357,900 acres or 59 per cent. below the area of the previous year. It was hoped that further sowings of oilseeds would take place after the date of the forecast, but this has not happened and a very slight increase only in the previous estimate is possible. The area under oilseeds is now estimated at 238,800 acres, which is 343,800 acres of 59 per cent. below the final figures of last year. The decrease is partly attributed to the failure of the rains and partly to the fact that food and fodder crops in a year of famine must naturally have the first place in deciding the kind of the crop sown. The rain in the middle of January was too late for farther sowings of oilseeds. In some places a part of the crop has been consumed by the cattle.

In the North-Western Provinces and Oudh the rain in January greatly benefited the rapeseed and linseed crops, which were badly in need of rain. The crops have also escaped from fungoid diseases; but in some of the eastern districts they were damaged by the hail which accompanied the rain. The reaping of the crop began about the third week of February and a yield of 75 to 80 per cent. of the normal is confidently expected from both crops.

In Bengal, on the whole, the season was not as favourable as that of last year. The rain was irregularly distributed, and the crops in some districts suffered from an excess of rain and in others from want of rain. The area under oilseeds is estimated as 3,059,200 acres against 4,091,900 acres estimated for 1898-99 and an average of 4,140 000 acres. The prospects of the crops are not as good as those of last year. Over the whole Province the yield is estimated at 94 per cent, against 95 per cent, the estimate of last year's crop.

In Assam the late subsidence of the floods, combined with the late cessation of the rains, interfered with the timely sowings of mustard which were therefore less extensive than in the preceding yearand than the average. The yield, however, is almost equal to that of last year owing to favourable weather since the crop was sown: it is, however, much less than the average (31,877 tons), being estimated at 31,759 tons.

In the Central Provinces the unfavourable conditions which proved so disastrous to the wheat crop also practically destroyed the linseed crop. The area sown is estimated to be less than half that sown last year, and barely a third of the average of the last ten years. In the northern districts, where the reserve of moisture in the ground was greater than elsewhere, from 30 to 45 per cent. of a normal yield is reported, but in these districts the area under the crop is relatively insignificant. In the rest of the province very little of the crop came to maturity at all, and the yields are nominal. The estimates range from 5 to 15 per cent, but it is doubtful whether even these estimates allow sufficiently for the areas in which germination failed. The district estimates work out to an average of 17 per cent. on the year's area, but the Director of the Department doubts whether the crop is more than a twentieth of the normal yield on a normal area.

From Bombay the report states that in Gujarat no sowings were made of linseed. In the Deccan the area sown was a sixth of last year's and a ninth of the average. No rain fell after sowing and the crop has withered in most places. The surviving crop is not expected to give more than a nominal yield. In the Karnatak about two-thirds of the average area were sown, but the crop has withered in most places. The rapeseed crop also remained practically unsown in Gujarat. In Sind the area sown was about 8 per cent. below last year, but 57 per cent. below the average. The crop is reported in fair condition.

In Berar the area under linseed is reported to be 21,615 acres, or 87 per cent. below the figure of the corresponding period of last year. The yield will be even smaller, not exceeding six per cent. of the average.

In the Nizam's Territory the area under oilseeds is 1,207,438 acres, being less by 939,150 acres, or 43·7 per cent., than the area sown last year. The yield is also less by about 52,000 tons, or 79 per cent.

J. E. O'CONOR,
Director-General of Statistics.

BOMBAY IMPROVEMENT TRUST.

THE following are excerpts from the proceedings of a meeting of the Trustees for the improvement of the City of Bombay, held on the 9th instant :—

Considered the following report of the Land Committee, dated 23rd February 1900 :—

WODEHOUSE ROAD PLOT—SITE FOR STABLES.

We beg to report, with reference to correspondence ending with T. R. No. 6, of the 12th January 1900, that we have considered a further letter from Mr. E. Seymour Hale, asking for a re-consideration of the Trustees' decision with regard to the preferential claim of the tenants of the Trusts to stabling and coach-house accommodation, and stating that he is prepared to give the tenants of the Board a preferential right to stabling up to 100 horses and 50 carriages at rates which shall not exceed the current rate then charged for the remaining accomodation, per single letting. We consider these proposals reasonable and recommend that they be agreed to.

KENNEDY SEA FACE.

We beg to report, with reference to T. R. No. 8, of the 20th January 1900, that we have had under consideration the specification and description of the proposed Bath, with the engineer's remarks thereon, and a representation on behalf of the Lessee as to the difficulties of connecting the premises with the Municipal sewer; also a proposal that the sewage be treated in a macerating tank and so purified before discharging into the sea.

We recommend that the general description and specification be approved subject to the engineer's remarks thereon, and in the circumstances reported we consider it unnecessary to insist on a connection being made with the Municipal sewer and advise that the arrangements proposed be approved and the site be now made over to the lessee.

Resolution.—The report of the Land Committee, No. 111, dated 23rd February 1900, is adopted.

Considered Government Resolution No. 1131, dated 24th February 1900, appointing Mr. J. Wilcocks, to act as a Trustee during the absence of Mr. G. A. Anderson.

Resolution.—Mr. J. Wilcocks is appointed a member of the Improvements Committee and an additional member of the Land Committee.

Considered letter from the engineer, dated 22nd February 1900, forwarding, for sanction and estimate amounting to Rs. 340, of the cost of reseoring the dwarf wall and railing at the north end of the Charni Road Gardens to be met from the savings on the Budget provision for special repairs to the Kennedy Sea Face.

Resolution—Sanctioned.

The following agreement was executed. With the Young Women's Christian Association, for the lease of building site No. 12 in the Wellington Lines plot.

The following papers were laid on the table :—

Government resolution of 1st February 1900, General Department, directing that the declaration of the acquisition of land for the 1st Nagpada Scheme be published in the "Bombay Government Gazette;" also Government Resolution No. 1533, dated 7th March 1900, directing the Collector of Land Revenue to take order for the acquisition of the properties mentioned in above resolution.

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

SQUADRON ORDERS.

Bombay, 13th March 1900.

There will be a Church Parade at Bandora on Sunday, the 18th instant at 11 a.m.

Dress—Drill order.

T. W. CUFFE, Capt.,
Commanding B. L. H.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY MAJOR W. G. WILSON, COMMANDING B. V. A.

Bombay, 17th March 1900.

1. Squad and Guard Mounting Competition will take place at the Town Hall Compound to-day (Saturday) the 17th inst. Fall in at 5 p.m. sharp.

Dress :—Drill order with arms. Putties to be worn. Ties may be decided on the smartness of the turn out.

By Order,
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Adjutant, B. V. A.

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Bombay, 17th March 1900.

1. The Battalion will parade at the Gymkhana end of the Parade Ground at 4-30 p.m. to-day (Saturday) the 17th instant, for Commanding Officer's Parade. As this is the last Saturday parade, it is hoped that all the companies will parade as strong as possible, and that all Officers will attend.

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3. The Range will be reserved for "F" Company on the 18th instant.

4. Regimental Order No. 2 of yesterday's date is cancelled. There will be no Church Parade on Sunday next the 18th instant.

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FEMININE FACTS AND FANCIES.

Of two dresses illustrated, says a fashion writer, The first is a coat and skirt in autumn brown (with a tinge of dull green in it) cloth, the three frills being of the same material hemmed with panne. The coat is also outlined with brown panne, and the revers, and collar are trimmed with this fashionable material. Four or five rows of machine-stitching form stripes on both bodice and skirt, and also follow the outline of the short coat. The centre of the muff is gathered panne and the frills are cloth like that in the dress. The hat is felt, in a pale sulphur colour, with five rows of narrow dark brown braid trimming the upturned brim. Dull sulphur ribbon quilled into rosettes trim one side of it, and brown feathers complete it. The second dress is black silk, of the finely ribbed kind, known as poult-de-soie. It is cut princess shape, and the fronts are tucked from the shoulders down to where the jet trimming ends in a point below the knees. The tucks are graduated so as to approach each other closely at the waist, to which this arrangement imparts a more slender appearance. There are very small tucked epaulettes at the top of the sleeves. The collar is white or ivory silk veiled with lace, and the chemisette is similar silk with closely set horizontal tucks. It will be noticed that there is no fulness whatever on the hips. That at the back is provided by a double box-pleat, that is arranged as flat as possible on the upper part of the skirt. This is now the accepted fashion for the new skirts, both for morning and evening wear. The London-made dresses worn at the Dublin Drawing-room were almost all fashioned in this way especially when the material to be manipulated was rich satin or velvet. The new gathered skirt did not put in an appearance, though it is extremely well suited to such aerial fabrics as silk muslin, chiffon, crepe-de-chine, etc.

Silk is coming into its own again. Black silk is to be the favourite material for smart hats. Black satin and moire are already largely used for blousés, boleros, and picture hats. The rage for black is quite remarkable. One might think that when so many are obliged to wear it for the saddest of reasons, there would be little inclination on the part of those not in mourning to abandon colours. But the reverse is the case. Gowns are chiefly black cloth. Coats are cloth, and the fashionable furs are the dark sable and soft chinchilla, both admirable in mourning wear. One has to look closely at a friend in black in order to discover whether her garb means really mourning or only black from choice. The gloves are often black too, and when this is so, the task of distinguishing becomes very difficult. One feels absolutely grateful to those who wear blue, purple, rich warm browns, or tweeds in the beautiful heather tints that suggest the colours of autumn moor, and sea, and sky and harvest fields. With so many clad in black, these other dresses are a relief, not only to the eye, but to the heavy spirit, borne down by climatic and other influences.

The fact that the Princess of Wales wore long transparent black net sleeves, embroidered in jet, on her visit to the Haymarket Theatre will serve to decide many in their choice of sleeves for evening dress. Fashion allows us to have them of any kind, from the merest strap to those that begin at the shoulder, like long mittens, and come up over the fingers also like mittens. With a square-cut bodice we may wear our sleeves either long or merely turning the elbow; but the favourite form for this style of bodice and for tea-gowns is the sleeve that forms a sort of background for the arm, in net or lace or chiffon, but permit the front of it to appear. When the lace is caught together with diamond buttons this is a particularly pretty and becoming sleeve. The lace often swoops down in a long point behind the elbow, offering an opportunity to the latter to shelter itself in its folds. Sharply pointed elbows should always take this kindly hint.

Nine out of every ten skirts (says a fashion writer) are made with or to simulate, an over and under skirt. As a rule the line of overskirt is close-fitting, but not too much so.

Women artists have been coming to the front a good deal as animal painters of late, and the exhibition at the Royal Academy this year will contain several studies bearing the signatures of women.

If you can't afford to buy an entire silk underskirt, make the foundation of moreen beige or any other smooth material and have only the frocls of silk. A yard of silk cut on the cross will make a nice full frill three inches deep, so that three yards of silk is ample.

The fashionable skirt no longer heralds its approach by the rustling of the silk with which it is lined. Dame Fashion has turned against her former favourite and declines, to allow a rustling skirt lining under any pretext. The maxim to be borne in mind is now—"Take heed lest ye rustle."

A lady gives this ballroom hint. "If, she says, your face is inclined to look greasy after dancing, provide yourself with a clean piece of chamois leather and retire to the dressing-room occasionally and give your face a good rub with it. This is as effective as powdering, and much better for the skin.

Animals carved in wood are very fashionable for umbrella handles just now. There are field-mice, fox and ducks, donkeys, hens, dogs, elephants and rabbits beautifully carved and stained so as to look like life. Another new idea is to have floral designs of the daintiest description inside of a glass knob.

A well-known artist went to a "book-tea" lately wearing on his coat two photographs, one of Sir Hiundell Maple, the other of Sir Thomas Lipton, and round his neck was hung a string, to which were fastened two old teeth. The meaning was, "New Men and Old Acres." At another tea a lady had a card pinned on her dress with the words, "The front row of the pit" written on it. This proved a difficult one to guess, but turned out to be "Won by Waiting."

Among other arguments which a lady produces against her sex indulging in tobacco, she says that the women who smoke consume their tobacco, as a rule in cigarette form, and that fact alone should be sufficient to condemn the habit, for even the most inveterate men-smokers acknowledge that cigarette-smoking is far more injurious to health than the smoking of pipes or cigars. This being so, I should think that any sensible woman would pause awhile before she began to cultivate a habit which might and probably would have a far-reaching effect for evil upon her constitution.

Hanging pictures is an art. Do not on any account fall into the error of imagining that a Noah's Ark sort of arrangement is desirable. Group your pictures, not place them severely in pairs. More especially must this rule be attended to when the pictures are small. Who does not know the painful effect of tiny sketches dotted over a blank wall like plums in a pudding?

Never "sky" your pictures, whether small or great. A picture should be on a level with the eyes as nearly as possible. Don't use huge cords or Atlantic cable to suspend your art collection. When practicable, it is nice for neither cable nor cord to show—this, however can only be managed when the pictures are of a moderate size.

Mrs. Chamberlain, says the writer of an article on Mr. Chamberlain in the "Universal Magazine," has a strong objection to her photograph being sold or exhibited in shop windows. An instance is on record of a Birmingham tradesman who, soon after her marriage, introduced Mrs. Chamberlain's photograph into one of his advertisements, but who received a peremptory order from Mr. Chamberlain's solicitors to instantly withdraw it. Mrs. Chamberlain accompanies her husband on all his political missions, and takes a great interest in everything in which he is concerned. She is an admirable hostess, and moreover, is a great favourite with the Queen, who has more than once shown her special marks of favour.

A lady declares that she would award the palm of unpopularity to the shy man—the man who is not at ease in the society of women folk, who is afraid of the radiant beings whose mission is to brighten the world. Every shy man, she says, is disliked by every woman, and for the simple reason that he places her at a disadvantage. Your shy man is calculated to make even the most self satisfied of women feel that she is regarded somewhat in the light of an ogre, and once a woman realises this she is apt to behave as such. She would show him in that subtle way known above to the sex of genius that she would not be in the least offended, that she would, indeed, be pleased if he excluded her from the list of those he considered it incumbent on him to bore. And your shy man has one good trait: he is quick to take a hint.

All the new toques show remarkably light colouring in their manufacture. Grey, white, and a soft cigar brown seem to be the leading tints. The latter it generally carried out in mink fur of more or less worth. The finish for such a toque is invariably an enormous choux or rosette of white tulle or chiffon, centred with a bird of paradise plume. The latter is a little expensive and can be dispensed with if economy is an object.

All the new rosettes for millinery purposes are very stiff. When made of satin are merely a length of the material cut upon the cross and wound round and round with absolute stiffness, no pulling being allowed anywhere. Satin rosettes of this kind are frequently introduced on a toque or good sized hat. Grey, black, and orange are one of the smartest combination, for orange seems to be a favourite colour, and is likely to be much seen on the new spring millinery. A hemming of thick black chenille is sometimes added upon the edge of tulle and chiffon rosettes and this with a very telling effect.

There has been a great deal of anxiety at Osborne (says the "World") in consequence of several cases of influenza having occured among the Queen's servants there, and when this malady broke out in the Palace fears were entertained that the Queen might catch it; but her Majesty has escaped, and she has enjoyed excellent health during her residence in the Isle of Wight, and has been out every morning in the grounds in her donkey-chair, and has not once missed her afternoon drive. The Queen often does not quit her own domain for days together, as the park at Osborne now affords a delightful private drive upwards of six miles in length, traversing all varieties of the scenery of the district, and with beautiful views over the Solent during the greater part of the way.

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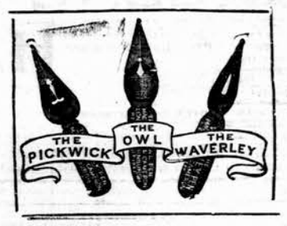

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